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## KIDNEY MAKES KIN

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## School board spent \$21K to house official

**Wildrose call the 'transition' money offensive to those hurt by downturn**

 **Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) has confirmed they paid for six months worth of rent for one of their superintendents, totalling \$21,000, after they moved to Calgary last year — something critics call unacceptable.

Greg Francis, superintendent of human resources and general counsel for the CBE, said they paid Dany Breton, superintendent of facilities and environmental services, a "transition allowance" after he accepted the role in the fall of 2015. "This is a challenging portfolio and

the search for the best candidate was Canada-wide," said Francis. "The temporary transition allowance was part of the executive contract negotiations and enabled him to leave his home to start his position in Calgary in an expedient manner."

Mark Smith, Wildrose education shadow minister, said Breton's \$3,500-a-month allowance from November 2015 to April 2016 is offensive to Calgarians.

"At a time when Calgarians are tightening their belts and the CBE is raising school fees on parents across the board, it's really unacceptable for them to give a highly paid executive this type of perk," he said. "Superintendents make a lot more than teachers and a lot more than the average Calgarian who has been hit hard by the downturn."

The CBE said Breton stepping in "quickly and seamlessly" in the midst of 31 capital projects was instrumental to the CBE's ability to open new schools this fall.

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## Councillors to push for city water fluoridation

### DENTAL HEALTH

**Hope is new report will put controversial issue to rest**



**Brodie Thomas**  
Metro | Calgary

The fluoride debate may be about to bare its teeth once again as council resumes regular meetings after the August summer break.

A notice of motion being brought forward by three councillors is asking the city to bring on the University of Calgary's O'Brien Institute for Public Health to "conduct an objective assessment of the evidence" on public water fluoridation.

The study would explore four categories — effectiveness, safety, costs and ethical considerations.

Couns. Peter Demong, Diane Colley-Urquhart and Richard Pootmans are making the request.

Although the notice of motion only asks for a study, Pootmans believes enough evidence in favour of fluoridation could sway council into putting fluoride back in the city's drinking water.

He was one of the council-



**Three councillors** are hoping that evidence can sway council into adding fluoride back into Calgary's water. METRO FILE

lors who voted against removing fluoride from the water in 2011.

A joint study by the university and the province led by Dr. Lindsay McLaren released in

February of this year showed that Calgary had seen a measurable spike in child tooth decay since it stopped fluoridating its water.

"We're gaining some mo-

mentum and we've spoken at length about what the next steps should be subsequent to Dr. McLaren's research showing that we do have an issue with cavities in children —

**"The OIPH is a credible agency to undertake this work."**

Memo from councillors to colleagues

as was predicted when the fluoride was removed," said Pootmans.

Pootmans said if the evidence suggests fluoride is the best option, he will either make or support a motion to bring back fluoride.

The O'Brien Institute has offered its services to the city free of charge.

In a memo to other council members on the motion, it was noted that the O'Brien Institute has worked on a national and international level with groups such as the World Health Organization and the World Bank.

"The OIPH is a credible agency to undertake this work," reads the memo.

The notice of motion is one of two being brought forward on Monday related to Dental health. Pootmans and Colley-Urquhart are also asking the city to look at and list oral health programs and services for low-income Calgarians, as well as exploring best practices in other jurisdictions.

### KEEP YOUR KNEES TOGETHER

## Judge can learn, says mentor

A Manitoba judge says she was initially appalled by the comments a Calgary judge made to a sex-assault complainant but agreed to mentor him.

Justice Deborah McCawley was the only witness Wednesday before a Canadian Judicial Council hearing prompted by complaints over Justice Robin Camp who asked a woman in a 2014 sex-assault trial why she didn't keep her knees together.

"I was taken aback to say the least. I was quite appalled at some of the words, some of the language used," she said when first approached about mentoring Camp.

Camp's comments while he was a provincial judge in Calgary in 2014 led the Alberta Appeal Court to order a new trial for the man he acquitted.

Court transcripts show Camp, who is now 64, questioned the woman's morals, suggested her attempts to fight off the man were feeble and described her as "the accused" throughout the trial.

He asked her: "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?" and said "pain and sex sometimes go together."

McCawley said Camp was involved in counselling, did a lot of reading and research and attended a three-day judicial conference in Toronto which included courses such as Sex Assault 101 and How to Conduct a Sex Assault Trial.

She told the panel he is "teachable" and is still surprised at the trial transcript.

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## BOWNESS

# Woman charged in fatal May collision



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A Calgary woman is facing charges in relation to the fatal crash that took the life of a four-year-old Calgary girl in May, shaking a community that said they'd been appealing for changes for some time.

Four-year-old Avayah Toulon was hit May 6 at the intersection of 47 Avenue and 79 Street

NW just after 8 p.m. Paramedics pronounced Avayah dead on scene citing traumatic head injuries.

According to CPS, Avayah was walking out on 79 Street and 47 Avenue NW, with her family and their dog. At the same time, a 2015 Ford F150 was traveling west on 47 Avenue.

Witnesses had stated that the female driver of the Ford F150 had initially stopped and then slowly proceeded through

the intersection at the same time that the child ran across 47 Street into the path of the vehicle. The child was struck by the Ford, resulting in fatal head injuries.

Police said alcohol or speed were not factors in the collision.

Tanis Lambert, 38, of Calgary, is charged with careless driving and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Back in May, Cathy Reitz, a member of the Bowness safety committee, who lives

two blocks from the scene of the crash, told Metro speeding vehicles and poorly placed stop signs have been an issue in the past. The committee had asked for changes on multiple occasions, according to Reitz.

In a letter written in May to Monika Dool, director of safety for the Bowness Community Association Board, Ward 1 Coun. Ward Sutherland said "they have found no visibility issues or any other reason to change the intersection."



Calgary paralympian Jennifer Brown says despite the pressure of competing in Rio it's just another track meet. CONTRIBUTED

## Paralympic athlete gets ready in Rio

## RIO GAMES

**Jennifer Brown says staying focused is key to success**

**Josie Lukey**  
For Metro | Calgary

Calgary Paralympic athlete Jennifer Brown said "it's a focus thing."

Brown — a discus and track-and-field competitor — along with the rest of her Canadian track teammates chose not to attend the opening ceremonies. Instead, the athletes chose to watch the ceremonies from the main floor of their building in Olympic Village, all decorated in Canadian emblems.

Brown is a part of the approximately 155 Canadian athletes competing at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. "By the time you go and you wait to go into the stadium and you wait here, and you wait there, it's a fair amount of waiting," she said.

Although Brown figured it would be a spectacular show, possibly altering any patterns this close to a competition isn't a risk she was willing to take.

Diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2006, Brown lost the mobility in her legs, ultimately hospitalizing her. Run-

ning track in high school and competing as an able-bodied athlete in the past, Brown wanted to get healthy and stronger again — a process that required the same intense focus.

"It's really just a process," Brown said. "You just follow the process; we've been on the same process since three years I've started track. When we stick to the plan things work out well, that's when I perform my best."

According to David Legg of the International Paralympic Committee, it's important for athletes to be "choosy" about where they spend their energies.

"(The athletes) treat this a bit like a job, in that they're coming here to accomplish something — they're coming here to get something done."

Nonetheless, Brown says it's important to take some time off and witness the amazing spectacle of being a paralympic competitor.

"It isn't necessarily you have to be ultimate-laser-sharp focused every time," Brown said. "But for me it's keeping in mind we've done all the work to get here, we just keep doing the work and I will do the best I can."

Brown will be competing against other coordination impaired paralympians Saturday Sept. 17 in both track-and-field and discus.

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## IN BRIEF

**Preliminary hearing for mother-daughter deaths**

Both sides say they are ready to move forward in the case of a man charged in the deaths of a Calgary woman and her five-year-old daughter.

Edward Downey faces two counts of first-degree murder in the slayings of Sara Baillie and her daughter Taliyah Marsman. The Crown and defence have agreed to a preliminary hearing that is expected to take 10 days.

Baillie, who was 34, was discovered dead in her northwest Calgary home on July 11. Her daughter's body was found a few days later in a rural area east of the city. A date for the preliminary hearing is to be set on Sept. 15.

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**One dead, two injured in highway crash north of city**

One person is dead and two others are fighting for their lives in hospital following a crash on Highway 566 and Centre Street North, Wednesday.

In a release Emergency Medical Services (EMS) said they responded to the scene shortly after 3:15 p.m. Wednesday with paramedics from both Calgary and Airdrie. An SUV and a car were involved in a crash, with both suffering significant damage, EMS said. Once on the scene, EMS said two people were injured and transported to hospital, while died at the scene.

EMS said the victim is female and was the occupant of the sedan. It's believed she was in her 20s or 30s. According to EMS the intersection was closed for police investigation.

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# State of emergency is unwarranted: Payne

## OPIOIDS

## Government rejects Swann plea despite fentanyl crisis



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

The Alberta NDP government is sticking to its guns by not calling a public health state of emergency over the current fentanyl crisis.

On Wednesday, Alberta Liberal Leader Dr. David Swann urged the NDP government to enact a public health state of emergency to better address the province's current opioid crisis.

Swann said the government's current approach isn't improving death rates, as this year's current fentanyl-related death toll is 153, which represents deaths from January 1 to June 30. That number is slightly more than 2015's January-to-June death toll of 139.

"What we're doing in Alberta isn't working," Swann told reporters. "We're doing too little, too late. We don't have a real-time number of deaths."

In April, Metro reported the government declined to declare a state of emergency after it sought legal advice last fall that suggested it has all the power necessary to address the crisis.

B.C. became the first province in April to declare a state of emergency over its own opioid crisis.

In an interview Wednesday, Associate Health Minister Brandy Payne reiterated the government's belief that a public health state of emergency over addictions and mental health isn't warranted.



**Alberta Liberal Leader Dr. David Swann called on the NDP government to declare a public state of emergency over fentanyl on Wednesday.** JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

She said measures for a state of emergency under Alberta legislation contain "extraordinary powers" that include entering a private home without a warrant; ordering the closure of businesses and schools; seizures of property without a warrant; and arrests and detentions without a warrant.

Payne said those measures would be more effective under a "highly communicable" disease outbreak.



**Our government is choosing to focus on treatment.**

Brandy Payne

"We just don't feel that it's appropriate when responding to a serious addictions and mental health issue," she said. "It's an issue of addiction and our government is choosing to focus on treatment, whether that be through detox beds or opioid dependency treatment."

Swann said the public health state of emergency would let the government free up room in hospitals and hotels so that more Albertans can be treated.

"We would start seeing action tomorrow," he said.

Swann also chided the NDP for how it publishes fentanyl-related death data. He said data isn't published weekly and doesn't include characteristics like age, gender and marital status.

However, Payne said the Office

of the Chief Medical Examiner receives data regularly, and it includes such characteristics. But those characteristics, she said, aren't made public to ensure privacy.

"All of the information that we need is being collected by public health authorities," she said.

Compared to how it was previously reported, fentanyl-related death data now includes the number of deaths in particular Alberta cities.

The province has also provided funding for the opening of 18 new detox beds in Medicine Hat, three new beds for children under the Protection of Children Abusing Drugs Act in Calgary, 20 beds for adults in Red Deer, and six to eight new beds in Lethbridge.

## NALOXONE

## Jump in antidote requests

The number of naloxone kits being dispensed per week in Alberta has nearly tripled, after they became available without a prescription in May 2016.

According to Alberta Health Services (AHS), the average number of naloxone kits dispensed per week has been 55, a 175 per cent increase from an average of 20 kits dispensed per week prior to May 2016.

No longer needing a prescription for naloxone, an antidote that can reverse opioid overdose effects, has made a "significant impact," AHS said in an email.

The numbers come on the heels of

Alberta Liberal Leader Dr. David Swann calling on the government to declare a public health state of emergency over the opioid crisis.

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AHS said the Alberta Community Council on HIV dispensed 2,910 kits to clients as of July 31. And 313 kits used in overdose reversals.

In an interview earlier this week, Associate Health Minister Brandy Payne expressed the government is confident in the naloxone program, despite the 153 fentanyl-related deaths from January 1 to June 30, a 10 per cent increase from last year.

She said other jurisdictions have seen spikes in the number of fentanyl-related deaths.

"We feel that the plan is working," Payne said. "The fact that the numbers seem to be relatively stable helps us to know we're on the right track."

"We know that it's a problem that we have to continue to tackle."

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# Referrals key for ReDirect program

## COMMUNITY INTERVENTION

### Police hope to defuse youth radicalization



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The Calgary Police Service said they're looking at ways to meas-

ure the success of their ReDirect program, aimed at potentially radicalized youth in our city.

Nearly one year ago CPS launched their first ever intervention and prevention program aimed at youth headed down a path of extreme behaviour.

Staff Sgt. Asif Rashid told Metro they're currently working with their federal partners, including Public Safety Canada and RCMP in developing a "robust evaluation program" for the ReDirect

program.

"Twelve months in, it might be difficult to judge whether the individual has had a change in mindset of ideology," he said.

"But we're working with our partners to develop a comprehensive evaluation process for ReDirect."

Asif said the ReDirect program relies extensively on the community to refer at-risk or radicalized youth to the program.

"The success of the program

relies extensively on partnerships in the community," he said. "If the community doesn't have the trust and confidence to make referrals to police the program wouldn't exist and that's why we like to call programs like ours police-led but community driven."

Because the program relies on the trust and confidence of the community, Rashid said CPS keeps numbers of participants, as well as identities private.

"Suffice it to say we do have a fairly regular number come in and those come exclusively from the community with which we've worked hard to build that trust with," he said.

In order to intervene in the potentially radicalized thought process of the youth involved, Rashid said CPS has leveraged some of the programs that already exist within the community and youth services section to provide robust and collaborative

care to the clients.

"The mentorship that's provided, we make sure it's culturally relevant to the client," he said. "The mentorship is in the form of a police officer that interacts with them and they also have access to a number of sports programs and expression programs such (as) music classes."

If you know someone who could benefit from the ReDirect program, call 403-428-8200 or email [redirect@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:redirect@calgarypolice.ca)



The StingRay II, manufactured by Harris Corporation, of Melbourne, Fla., a cellular site simulator used for surveillance purposes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## SURVEILLANCE

### City's officers mum on Stingray device

The Calgary Police Service wouldn't comment on whether or not they possess a Stingray — a surveillance device used to monitor cellphones — saying they don't want to give anything away to the "bad guys."

In August, Edmonton police confirmed their service did have one of the controversial devices that can be used to extract cellphone data, intercept communications, track or locate cellphones and more.

A CPS spokesperson told Metro they wouldn't comment on tactics or technology — especially involving surveillance methods or tools.

"If the bad guys know what we're using they can begin to counteract them," said the police spokesman.

But, Sharon Polsky, director of the Rocky Mountain Civil Liberties Association said even if CPS admitted to having a Stingray, it would take a lot of effort and someone very technologically savvy to be able to counteract the Stingray.

"If there was a stingray device, how would anybody find it among the thousands of cell-

phone towers and boxes on top of lamp standards that have all sorts of technology built into them now?" she said. "I think it might be more challenging than they're suggesting."

Polsky also said the idea that CPS doesn't speak about their technologies is false.

"They had a wonderful press conference introducing the facial recognition software and doing a demo of it — of course they talk about their technology," she said.

The civil liberties advocate said even if CPS doesn't have their



**We need to get approval on a case by case basis.**

Calgary Police spokesperson

own Stingray, doesn't mean they don't have access to one, or haven't used one in the past.

"It's a matter perhaps of language and semantics,"

she said. "We don't have them doesn't necessarily mean they didn't at some point, or that they didn't have another agency that gave them the technology on their behalf."

According to CPS if they did have a Stingray its use is subject to a court order.

"We would need to get approval on a case-by-case basis," said the CPS spokesman.

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# A friend in need — indeed

## ORGAN DONATION

### Looking out for a neighbour helped to save a life, forge bond



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Metro | Calgary

Linda Soltry and Jane O'Connor are not your typical neighbours. What started out as a friendly, neighbourly relationship, evolved into a bond that ultimately saved one's life.

The two ladies first met back in 2009, shortly after Soltry had lost her first kidney to cancer.

In March of 2013, Soltry lost her second kidney, forcing her into an intensive treatment regime involving dialysis multiple times a day.

"When you're with somebody on a regular basis and you see how the dialysis was affecting her life and you feel helpless watching her go downhill," said O'Connor.

O'Connor said a defining



Linda Soltry, left, said she wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the kindness of her neighbour Jane O'Connor who donated one of her kidneys to Soltry in 2015. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

moment in her decision to donate her kidney happened when Soltry and her husband returned from an out of province trip. Soltry had been given a portable dialysis machine, but upon arrival home it became apparent all was not well, and Soltry needed to be taken

**"I'm still the same person. I can do everything I did before."**

Jane O'Connor

to the hospital immediately.

"I knew she couldn't go on like this, so for me that's when my decision to move forward with the organ donation was solidified," said O'Connor.

Other friends and family had also stepped up, but for one reason or another they

weren't eligible, and eventually came the day in January 2015, for the ladies to undergo the donor and transplant surgery.

"There aren't any words to tell you how good my life was compared to what it was," said Soltry. "It's totally life changing, Jane is my angel."

O'Connor said going through the process she didn't know anything about being a live donor, but said seeing how it's saved someone's life made it all worth it.

"Nothing in my life has changed as a result. I'm still the same person. I can do everything I did before and I don't notice anything different about having one kidney versus having two," she said.

Both women will be among hundreds participating in the three day 100 kilometres Kidney March beginning Friday and ending Sunday at the Millarville racetrack.

"We're participating to support important kidney disease research," said Soltry. "If it weren't for previous research I wouldn't be here, and if it weren't for organ donation I wouldn't be either."

## INFLUENZA

### FluMist doesn't get vote

Kids will be able to avoid the sting this year, but Alberta Health is not recommending the FluMist vaccine as the preferred product, following recommendations set out by Canada's National Advisory Committee on Influenza.

On Wednesday, studies from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that FluMist hasn't protected against specific flu strains compared to its needle counterpart.

The CDC then said FluMist, which is sprayed into the nose, should not be used in the United States. But Canada's National Advisory on Influenza has taken a different approach. According to Alberta Health, the advisory found FluMist is safe and effective.

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Jill Petrovic gave a speech to City of Calgary employees at the Municipal Atrium Building about the importance of their donations to the United Way. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

# United Way teams up with the city

CHARITY

Guest speaker teaches importance of donations



Mathew Silver  
For Metro | Calgary

When Jill Petrovic took the stage at the launch of their annual United Way Campaign, City of Calgary employees got a first-hand account of how their contributions can impact the lives of others — in her case, it saved a family.

In front of about 100 city employees in the Municipal Atrium Building, Petrovic told the story of her father's battle with frontotemporal dementia, and spoke to how the UW helped her family to cope with the situation.

Her family was left reeling when they learned of her father's diagnosis. What they thought was a mid-life crisis, turned out to be an incurable brain disease. But she said that the UW was instrumental in helping her family to get help.

"Funding is absolutely essential. It transforms families like mine," she said.

The goal of the event was to raise awareness about the impact that employee donations can have on the United Way's Social Equation — an algorithm that includes overcoming poverty,

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The target for the United Way's 2016 campaign. In 2015 the United Way received just over \$400,000.

successful kids and strong communities as necessary ingredients for a great city.

According to Dayna Maki, United Way co-ordinator for the city, the campaign raised a little over \$400,000 last year through donations, and will try to surpass that number with fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Along with the poignant speech from Petrovic, employees heard from Mayor Naheed Nenshi and the future CEO of the United Way of Calgary and Area, Karen Young. Nenshi said that the fundraising goal for 2016 is \$500,000.

While employees fed from food trucks parked outside, Jory Kinjo of Mocking Shadows added to the atmosphere with his gentle crooning. Staff members were able to purchase tickets to the first event on the campaign calendar, the UW Shaker, which takes place at the National Music Centre on Oct. 14.

They could also make pledges in the form of payroll deduction, banked vacation and overtime, among other more traditional payment methods.

The partnership between the City of Calgary and the United Way started in 1988.

DRAMA

# Calgary Theatre Critics' Awards no more



Aaron Chatha  
Metro | Calgary

Since 2011, a collection of Calgary theatre critics have been honouring outstanding productions and performances through the Calgary Theatre Critics' Awards (Critters).

Unfortunately, the band's breaking up.

"The awards are just not sustainable anymore," said critic

Jenna Shummoogum.

Of the four critics who ran the awards, only Louis B Hobson still appears in print media. Stephen Hunt is freelancing, Rodrigo Flores is moving back to Nova Scotia and Shummoogum is balancing two full-time jobs.

Although thankful to the Calgary arts community for embracing the awards, Shummoogum said there's not enough monetary support for critical theatre reviews, which are needed in the city's growing arts scene.

"Theatre criticism is vital to people who want to go see the arts," she said, adding anyone can post a review on Twitter or on a blog, but a critic needs to experience the large volume of Calgary productions to make critical assessments. Last year the critics looked at 75 productions. "In terms of developing the arts created in this community, theatre critics are the eye to make the arts better."

Several of the critics, including Shummoogum, will continue

to post reviews, but the awards themselves have seen their last with the show earlier this year.

"Even in the last year, they had been a good representation to the theatre community to highlight some of the work they missed, and some of the up-and-coming artists that aren't on their radar. The Critters really illustrated that," Shummoogum said.

"I have a lot of sorrow that we won't be able to do that anymore."

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# CIFF films announced

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Red carpet rolls out as festival tickets go on sale



**Aaron Chatha**  
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The Calgary International Film Festival box office is officially open.

Online and at Eau Claire Market, cinephiles and casual film fans can purchase tickets to the 210 films to be screened at this year's festival from Sept. 21 to Oct. 2.

"There's nothing greater than watching a film in a festival environment with a nice-sized audience that has that (passion)," said Brenda Lieberman, programming manager, adding it's the type of event in which people take chan-

ces on smaller or more unusual productions.

A combination of feature and short films, CIFF draws submissions from all over the world. Earlier this year, the festival became a qualifier for short films to be nominated for an Academy Award.

Six years ago, CIFF received about 600 submissions; this year that number has grown to 2,100.

Last year the festival set an attendance record with 35,000 fans sitting their butts in the seats — and it's still expected to grow this year.

Steve Schroeder, CIFF executive director, said part of the festival's successful growth is the diverse demographics in Calgary.

"People of all ages come to our festival, but we do have a relatively young city," he explained. "We know that, per capita, people in Calgary consume more movies per year than any other city in Canada."

"When directors come here



CIFF executive director Steve Schroeder. AARON CHATHA/METRO

from other places, for our film festival, they really often remark to us how attentive, amazing, enthusiastic and well-informed our audiences are."

Beyond films, CIFF is expanding this year with their Behind the Screen series of events that allow film fans to meet with animal trainers and special-effects wizards and join in on discussions about women in film, music on

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Alberta features have had more Oscar nominations than those of any other Canadian province. This year hosts a near-record number of Alberta-made content. For the first time, the Globe cinema will host a three-hour screening of every available trailer CIFF's 2016 lineup.

screen and more.

Although there are many international entries — and guests, such as Sandra Oh — Schroeder said the local film scene more than stacks up to the competition.

"In Alberta in general, there's a really broad range from very, very emerging artists all the way through to some of the most accomplished directors in the country."

## COMING SOON... THE HEADLINERS

**Burn Your Maps** After a family tragedy, eight-year-old Wes realizes he's not truly a young American boy; he's supposed to be a Mongolian goat herder and was born in the wrong place. Against the odds, he partners with an Indian filmmaker and treks to the other side of the world.



**The Salesman** A home invasion leaves Rana shaken and emotionally distant from her husband Emad — who is unable to understand his wife's emotions and is torn by his need to seek revenge. Directed by celebrated Iranian director Asghar Farhadi.



**Paterson** Bus driver Paterson, who makes his living in the town of Paterson, New Jersey, starts each day the same way: writing poetry about his daily observations. Going about his seemingly-mundane routine with a sense of serenity, cult filmmaker Jim Jarmusch makes the film a testament to the zen of domestic life.



**Julieta** As she readies to leave Madrid for a new life with her boyfriend, Julieta has a chance encounter with her daughter's childhood friend. Julieta hasn't seen her daughter in 12 years, but seeing the potential for a reunion, she cancels her move to confront the dark events of her past.



**And Punching the Clown** Comedian Henry Phillips faces a quandary: are they laughing with you or at you? As a comedian whose big break never came, Phillips has the chance to achieve fame — through a reality series documenting the comedian's professional humiliations. Featuring cameos by Sarah Silverman, Tig Notaro and Jim Jeffries.



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Premier Rachel Notley marches in the Calgary Pride parade with MLAs Ricardo Miranda, Estefania Cortes-Vargas and Michael Connolly. FACEBOOK

# LGBTQ politicians band together

## HUMAN RIGHTS

### New Democrats form caucus to push for equality

Josie Lukey  
Metro | Calgary

Unlike any previous government in the province, the Alberta NDP LGBTQ Caucus started with the election of three openly gay NDP MLAs seeking

to represent the LGBTQ community.

Although a nationwide NDP commission for LGBTQ exists, Michael Connolly for Calgary-Hawthwood, Ricardo Miranda for Calgary-Cross, and Estefania Cortes-Vargas for Strathcona-Sherwood wanted to ensure the LGBTQ community was represented within the provincial NDP caucus in the legislature and Alberta as a whole.

"When we were first elected," Connolly said, "people would come to us in tears saying how happy they were that they finally had representa-

tion."

According to Connolly, the attacks by previous provincial governments on the LGBTQ community meant the caucus meeting with organizations like Calgary Pride and Calgary Outlink was important to start a conversation.

Craig Sklenar of Calgary Pride says that the LGBTQ Caucus has been a channel for the

organization to act as a welcoming "gatekeeper" for conversations to take place with the provincial government, and that the creation of the caucus reflects the progress of Alberta.

**“More LGBTQ representation — no matter where they are in the political spectrum — is always good.”**

Michael Connolly

ago," says Sklenar. "The mass immigration of Canadians and

cultures from around the world have really diversified viewpoints and population and demographics and our government, our elected officials are starting to reflect that diversity."

As the first openly gay cabinet minister in Alberta's history, Miranda said LGBTQ Caucus members know their visibility is important to those in the community who may be struggling or facing discrimination.

"That is why we are working together with our colleagues in the legislature to put forward

policies that will further protect LGBTQ rights in Alberta and make this province a safer, more welcoming place for all," said Miranda in a statement. "This is a new era where Albertans are seeing themselves reflected in their government."

In the future, Connolly hopes they will promote more LGBT candidates coming forward from other political parties in the province, including the PC's and Wildrose.

"More LGBTQ representation — no matter where they are in the political spectrum — is always good," said Connolly.



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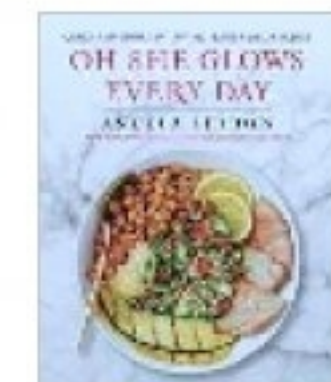
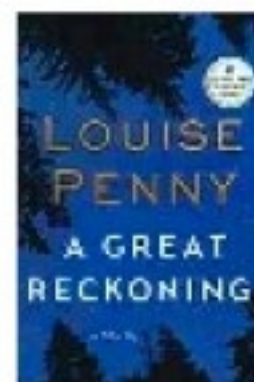


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## TRAGEDY

# Friends mourn lost N.L. fishermen

Former NHLer Terry Ryan laughed through tears Wednesday, recalling how playing ball hockey with fishermen now lost off Newfoundland made him feel like the superstar he might have been.

"I remember the first game, I got player of the game and they handed me a lobster," said the 1995 first-round draft pick for the Montreal Canadiens.

"They just loved the water. They loved fishing. They loved

everything about it."

Ryan, who grew up in Mount Pearl, N.L., played ball hockey the last three years with commercial fisherman Keith Walsh and his buddy Billy Humby, making it as far as the provincial championship finals this summer.

Both men, along with Keith's son, Keith Walsh Jr., and his father Eugene Walsh were on board an open, seven-metre boat reported overdue Tuesday night before two bodies were

recovered near St. John's.

Ryan and other sources who know the family confirmed the bodies recovered were Billy Humby and Keith Walsh Jr.

The search continued Wednesday for the other two men after the coast guard found the overturned boat earlier in the day.

All were from the close St. John's enclave of Shea Heights.

Friends of the fishermen said it's especially crushing

that three generations of one family were on that boat.

Melissa Druken, chairwoman of the Shea Heights Community Board, said it's "an absolute tragedy" that affects every single family.

"Numb is a really good description," she said. "The phrase on social media circles has been: 'There are no words.' That's what is repeated over and over again — there are no words."

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If doctors get their way marijuana will be subject to strict age minimums such as those that apply to alcohol. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Under 21? No pot for you

## DRUGS

### Doctors and police want age minimum for legal pot

Canada's doctors are calling for strict limits on legalized pot smoking, saying the minimum age should be 21. And amounts and potency of products sold to those under 25 should be tightly controlled, Torstar News Service has learned.

In a brief for a federal task force studying the legalization of marijuana, the Canadian Medical Association does not support or oppose legalization, but makes a range of go-slow recommendations. It urges more money be spent on research, medical and social services for addictions treatment, a ban on home cultivation, a ban on smoking non-medical marijuana in public places, and pilot projects before a full national rollout of legalized marijuana.

Several of its concerns will find high-profile support from Canada's police chiefs.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police is recommending in a private submission to the task force a uniform minimum legal pot-smoking age across Canada, leaving the age designation to health professionals. The police chiefs also oppose home cultivation, and say a lot more money needs to be spent on training officers and developing an efficient and effective roadside drug impairment detection device.

The police chiefs' submission like the CMA's raises big red flags for the Liberal government as it inches closer toward overhauling Canada's drug laws.

The CMA says "ideally" the minimum pot-smoking age should be 25. It says scientific evidence shows the brain is still developing up to and beyond 25 years.

But the physicians' association acknowledges that is likely unrealistic.

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## IRAN

## Academics take up prisoner's cause

The colleagues of a Canadian-Iranian university professor jailed in Iran are urging governments to apply pressure as her detention enters a third month.

Homa Hoodfar, who taught at Concordia University, has been held at Tehran's notorious Evin prison since June 6.

With little information about her plight, Montreal academics

from Concordia and Irish governments (Hoodfar also has Irish citizenship) to do their utmost to free their friend.

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# Leitch digging in on proposed 'values' test

## IDENTITY

### Tory leader hopeful wants more vetting of newcomers

Kellie Leitch's Conservative leadership campaign is trying to goad rivals and caucus colleagues into reacting to her proposal that the federal government screen potential immigrants and refugees for anti-Canadian values.

The Ontario MP says her idea to vet newcomers for where they stand on issues such as religious tolerance and equality of opportunity would apply to visitors too, with her campaign saying she was referring to high-profile individuals such as the controversial American blogger known as Roosh V.

The Conservatives urged the Liberal government to bar the blogger from visiting Canada earlier this year and Leitch campaign manager Nick Kouvalis has pointed that out on social media as part of a series of tweets seeking responses from other leadership candidates.

Some candidates have weighed in, with Deepak Obhrai calling the idea insulting to immigrants, Michael Chong accusing Leitch of engaging in dog-whistle politics and Maxime Bernier saying there are better ways to integrate newcomers. Others, such as Tony Clement,



**"I don't think it's intolerant to believe in a set of values that we expect everyone to share."**

Kellie Leitch

**Labour Minister Kellie Leitch is expanding her proposal to have the federal government screen potential immigrants and refugees for anti-Canadian values to include visitors.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

have demurred, saying he wants to focus on his own campaign.

Conservative strategist Jason Liettaer says it is clear the Leitch campaign believes this is a winning idea — even if it's likely unworkable — and is trying to wedge rivals on the other side of the issue.

"I don't think it's intolerant to believe in a set of values that we expect everyone to share

here and include those people who are coming to visit or immigrate to Canada," Leitch said Tuesday in an interview.

The Ontario Conservative MP is standing by her controversial suggestion that immigration and refugee applicants be screened for what she referred to as anti-Canadian values, an idea her campaign floated in a questionnaire emailed to po-

tential supporters last week.

It generated a lot of reaction, including some from her own caucus, especially since Leitch had previously expressed regret for her role in promoting a controversial Conservative election campaign promise last year to establish a tip line for so-called "barbaric cultural practices," including forced marriage.

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## WORKPLACE

### Harassment training for waiters, servers

Ontario will spend \$1.7 million over three years to train bartenders and servers to identify and intervene in instances of sexual violence and harassment among employees and customers.

Women's Issues Minister Tracy MacCharles says the training programs will be designed and delivered by organizations in the hospitality sector as well as by experts in violence prevention.

She says restaurant and bar managers, operators and owners will also receive the training, which will teach them and their staff how to intervene in such situations in a safe way.

MacCharles says the majority of the 450,000 servers and waiters in Ontario are young women, and not all of them know exactly what sexual violence and harassment look like.

New regulations that take ef-



fect Thursday require employers to have a policy that makes it clear who would investigate if an alleged harasser is the owner or supervisor, and they must provide written results of any investigation.

Labour Minister Kevin Flynn says the range of possible responses to sexual harassment is huge, and the training programs will "empower" people to know how to deal with each situation.

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## IN BRIEF

### Feds' payroll woes add up

The federal government says it's going to cost at least \$40 million to \$50 million this year to straighten out its troubled new pay system.

However, officials say they are starting to see progress in their efforts to resolve the problems, and hope to be done by Oct. 31.

There are about 67,500 cases of federal workers with outstanding pay issues, down from more than 80,000 in mid-July.

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### Ex-deputy premier of Saskatchewan sentenced

The former deputy premier of Saskatchewan has pleaded guilty to impaired driving.

The court heard that Don McMorris had more than two and a half times the legal blood alcohol limit in his system when he was pulled over by RCMP last month in a construction zone.

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# Changing climate caused rain

LOUISIANA

## Study says downpours are linked to global warming

Man-made climate change about doubled the chances for the type of heavy downpours that caused devastating Louisiana floods last month, a new federal study finds.

Using two different sets of measurements and computer model runs simulating thousands of years, scientists found a clear sign of global warming in the rain that triggered the flooding that killed at least 13 people, damaged 150,000 homes and cost at least \$8.7 billion. More than 26 inches of rain fell in one week, with nearly a foot in just one day, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"The global warming signal is present in these numbers,"

said study lead Karin van der Wiel, a NOAA and Princeton University researcher and meteorologist. "For a precipitation event of this size to occur on the central Gulf Coast, the odds have increased by at least 40 percent and most likely doubled."

After the floods, the question was raised: Did global warming play a role? Climate Central's World Weather Attribution team brought in NOAA and others because of their high-quality computer models that had already been running data, said Climate Central chief scientist Heidi Cullen.

"We are now actually able to objectively and quantifiably say 'yes, climate change contributed to this event,'" Cullen said of the Louisiana downpours. "It's unequivocal."

Most outside experts — including six who contributed to the National Academies of Science report that looked at climate attribution studies — praised the science and results.

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PARIS

# Couple held after gas canisters found

A criminal terrorist investigation has been opened in Paris following the discovery of a car parked near Notre Dame Cathedral with seven gas canisters and pages written in Arabic inside, prosecutors said.

The Paris prosecutor's office revealed Wednesday that a couple it described as radicalized — a 34-year-old man and a 29-year-old woman — was arrested a day earlier and transferred to Paris to be questioned in the case.

The car found near the famous cathedral on Sunday morning had its license plates removed and hazard lights on. That evening, its owner went to the police to report that his is radicalized daughter was missing but without saying his car had also disappeared, the prosecutor's office said.

Police briefly detained and questioned the car owner before letting him go, the prosecutor's office said. His daughter still is being sought, the office said.

The man and woman arrested in a highway rest area near the southern town of Orange on Tuesday already were known by French security services for their alleged links with "radical Islamism," prosecutors said.

The papers written in Arabic are being analyzed, the prosecutor's office said.

It said it has opened an investigation under suspicion of a "criminal terrorist association". Two others officials, speak-

ing on condition of anonymity since the investigation is ongoing, said an employee of a bar near Notre Dame Cathedral flagged the car Sunday morning as it was parked along the Seine River.

No one was inside, but police found six canisters filled with gas in the trunk and an empty canister on one of the seats.

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# Trump slams the generals

## U.S. POLITICS

## Candidate says he'd give military deadline for plans to defeat Daesh

Levelling unusually harsh criticism against the military, Donald Trump said Wednesday night that America's generals have been "reduced to rubble" under President Barack Obama and suggested he would fire some of them if he wins in November.

Trump's comments came during a televised national security forum where he and Democratic rival Hillary Clinton each fielded 30 minutes of questions about their experience and judgment to be commander in chief. While the candidates never appeared on stage together, their back-to-back sessions served as a preview of sorts for their upcoming presidential debates.

By virtue of a coin flip, Clinton took the stage first and quickly found herself responding at length to questions about her years in government. She reiterated that she had made mistakes in relying on a personal email account and private server as



Donald Trump speaks with Matt Lauer at the NBC Commander-In-Chief Forum held at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space museum in New York on Wednesday. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

secretary of state and in voting for the 2003 invasion of Iraq as a senator. But she defended her support for U.S. military intervention to help oust a dictator in Libya, despite the chaotic aftermath.

Trump did little to counter the criticism that he lacks detailed policy proposals, particularly regarding Daesh. He both insisted he has a private blueprint for defeating the extremist group and that he would demand a

plan from military leaders within 30 days of taking office.

Asked to square his request for military options with his harsh criticism of the current crop of generals, Trump said simply: "They'll probably be dif-

ferent generals."

As a businessman with no substantial national security experience, Trump was also vague about how he is preparing for the enormous array of complex issues that would land on his desk as commander in chief. He cited his team of military advisers, but also said he has "a common sense" that will help him make decisions on foreign policy.

Trump also renewed his praise of Russian President Vladimir Putin for having "great control over his country." Trump's warm words about Putin have troubled some of his fellow Republicans who see the Russian leader as a threat to American allies in Europe.

With just two months until Election Day, national security has emerged as a centerpiece issue in the White House race. Both candidates believe they have the upper hand, with Clinton contrasting her experience with Trump's unpredictability and the Republican arguing that Americans worried about their safety will be left with more of the same if they elect President Barack Obama's former secretary of state.

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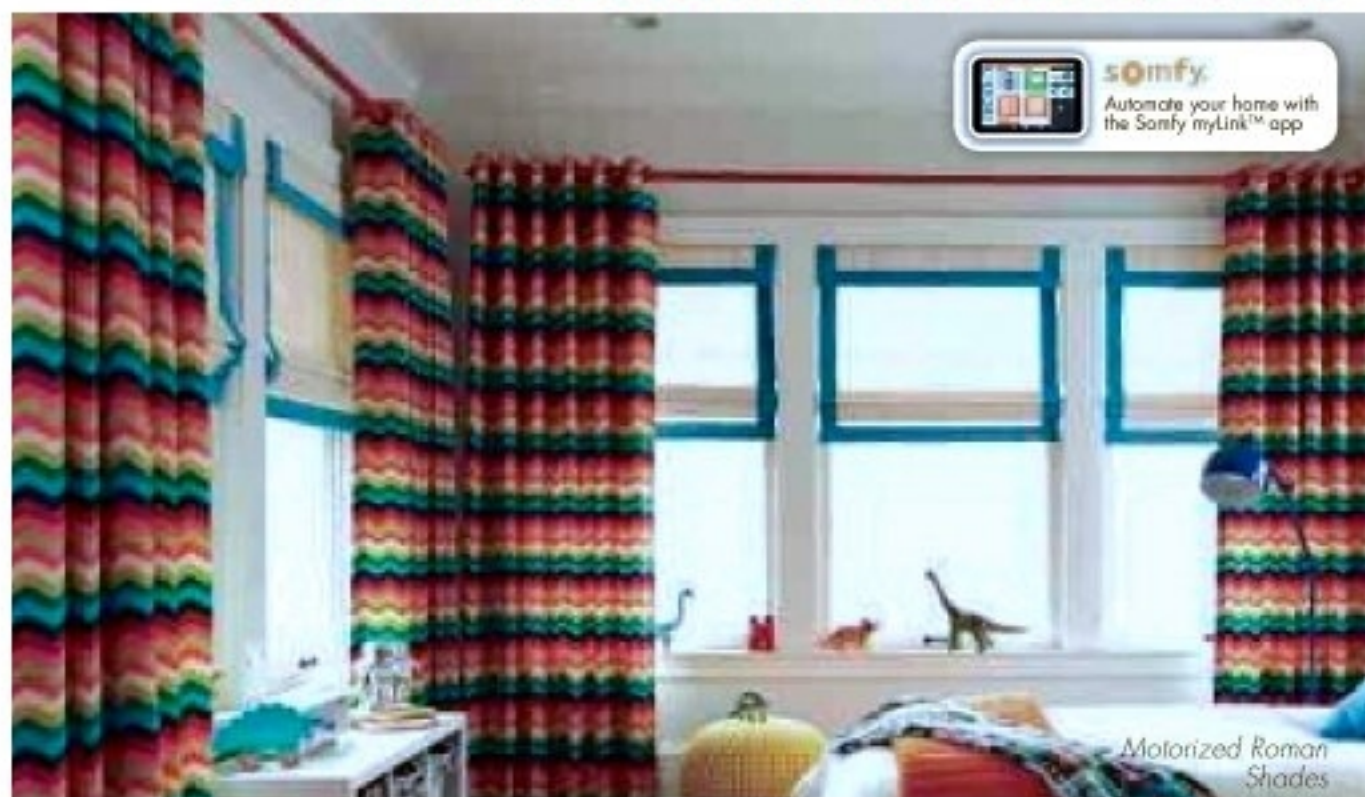
## Russia up to no good: U.S.

U.S. Defence Secretary Ash Carter accused Russia on Wednesday of sowing seeds of global instability and questioned whether Moscow genuinely wants a viable cease-fire in Syria.

In a hard-hitting speech at Oxford University, Carter emphasized deep skepticism about Russian intentions in Syria, even as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry weighed more talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva. Their discussions last weekend, on the sidelines of an economic summit in China, failed to produce a nationwide cease-fire in Syria or a U.S.-Russian military co-operation agreement.

Russia is a firm supporter of Syrian President Bashar Assad, and their joint military operation has sometimes targeted the anti-Daesh rebels backed by the U.S. The Russian Foreign Ministry said Kerry and Lavrov would hold their next round of negotiations Thursday and Friday. But U.S. officials indicated the earliest the talks could happen is Friday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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IN BRIEF

**Wildfires hampered 2016 oilsands spending: Alberta**

Alberta wildfires that swept through Fort McMurray in May have resulted in the loss of \$1 billion in planned capital spending in the oilsands for 2016, according to Alberta's chief energy economist.

Matt Foss said Wednesday he believes those plans are deferred, not cancelled. But he doesn't know when or if companies will resume their spending given benchmark oil prices that remain below break-even levels.

Foss said this dropped expected oilsands spending in the current year to \$18.5 billion from \$19.5 billion.

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**Central bank holds key interest rate at 0.5 per cent**

The Bank of Canada struck a note of caution Wednesday as it held its key interest rate target steady at 0.5 per cent and raised concerns about the disappointing export sector.

"While the strength in exports during July was encouraging, the ground lost over previous months raises the possibility that the profile for economic activity will be somewhat lower than anticipated," the central bank said.

The central bank said the risks for inflation have "tilted somewhat to the downside" though remained roughly in line with its expectations, with total inflation below the two per cent target and measures of core inflation around two per cent.

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# Apple touts camera, wireless headphones

TECHNOLOGY

## iPhone 7 sees jack removed in favour of better battery, sound

Apple's latest iPhone may be more notable for what's missing from previous models than what's being added. The iPhone 7 and 7 Plus unveiled Wednesday won't have an analog headphone jack — a longtime staple in just about every consumer electronics device that can play audio.

In doing so, Apple is betting that its legions of loyal fans will embrace the shift to wireless headphones — or, if they insist, that they won't mind using earbuds that plug into the iPhone's power port, or older headsets in conjunction with a new adapter.

The redesigned earbuds — with cord — will be included with the new iPhones, as well as an adapter for old headphones.

### THE WIRELESS FUTURE LOOMS

But Apple is trying to push consumers to cut the cord with their headphones and make the leap into what it envisions as a "wireless future."

As part of the transition, Apple also is introducing wireless "AirPods" that will sell for \$160.

Getting rid of the 3.5 millimeter headphone jack helped Apple make its new iPhone slimmer, boost its battery lifetime and add other improvements,



The new Apple AirPods are shown during an event to announce new Apple products on Wednesday in San Francisco. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

including stereo speakers and a sharper camera. The iPhone 7 is also water resistant, a popular feature that rivals such as Samsung Electronics already have been offering.

### BETTER CAMERA, FASTER PROCESSOR

The most significant upgrades to this year's models include a faster processor and a better camera, upgrades that Apple typically makes every year. The more expensive and larger iPhone 7 Plus boasts the biggest change, with two digital camera lenses. One

will be for wide-angle views and the other will have telephoto capabilities.

The new iPhones will debut Sept. 16 in the U.S., China and more than two dozen other countries. Orders will start this Friday.

### APPLE WATCH

The company also used Wednesday's showcase to introduce a new generation of its smart watches, which will include GPS tracking and enough water resistance to swim with, part of its effort to boost sales in its newest product line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AFFORDABLE CABLE

## Regulator questions TV bundles

The big four TV service providers are defending how they rolled out new, trimmed-down TV packages earlier this year, denying in hearings Wednesday that they were being "paternalistic" with customers by placing restrictions on the cheapest of their offerings.

The chairman of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission opened two days of hearings studying the new basic cable and satellite packages, saying consumers question their overall value.

"We received a number of comments from satisfied Canadians," said CRTC chairman Jean Pierre Blais. "Other Canadians are dissatisfied and shared their concerns and frustrations about the way some providers are offering the affordable basic package."

The "skinny basic" TV packages were mandated March 1, along with multi-channel bundles. Blais said a common consumer complaint was that providers made it complicated to switch services, noting that Rogers Inc., required customers to visit a Rogers store to finalize selections.

Prior to introducing its \$24.95 "starter" package in March, Bell Canada sales staff in Atlantic Canada were directed not to promote the lower-tier service, BCE's Robert Malcolmson confirmed.

Hundreds of complaints were received by the CRTC centred on requirements imposed by some providers to buy other services — such as Internet — as a bundle.

The hearings were held in advance of a Dec. 1 deadline for the TV providers to offer both small channel packages and individual channels, on top of their smaller basic packages. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### + POKÉMON GO

The Apple Watch will also get a popular new app later this year too.

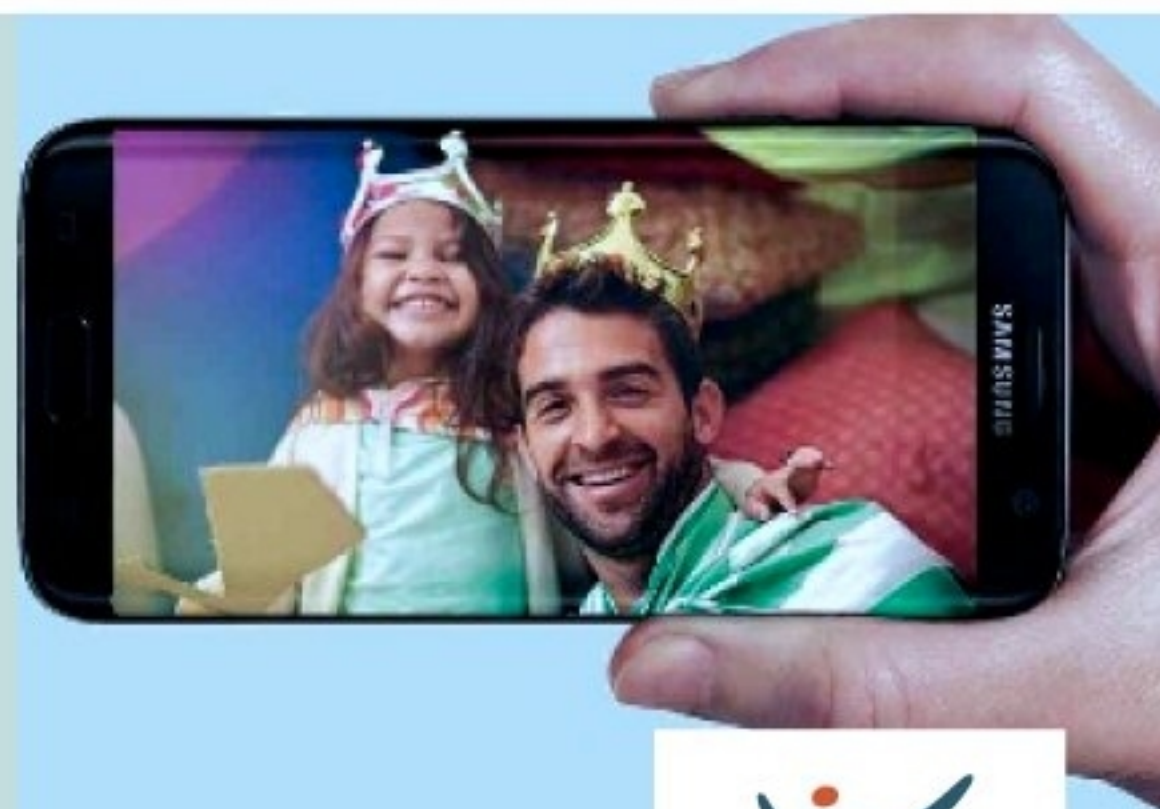
Niantic Labs, the developer behind the cultural sensation Pokémon Go, announced Tuesday that the game will be released for the watch, building upon the apps already designed for the iPhone and Android devices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON ANTI-CANADIAN VALUES SCREENING



**Many of Kellie Leitch's rivals are right in their assessment that the Conservative party leadership candidate's proposal would be divisive for the party in the short term and counterproductive for the Conservatives in the longer one.**

Growing up in the late 1960s in Toronto one commonly ran into otherwise well-meaning people who claimed that francophone parents who sought to have their children schooled in French were determined to keep their families out of the Canadian mainstream.

École secondaire Étienne-Brûlé — Toronto's first French-language public high school — opened in September 1970, about a month before the kidnappings by the Front de libération du Québec (FLQ) of a provincial cabinet minister, who later died in captivity, and a British diplomat.

At the time the school was the target of enough anonymous threats to warrant extra police protection. Indeed, days before it opened, a neighbour told me bluntly that the wooden barracks that were the temporary home of my new high school would be burned down before year's end.

Had a government at the time of the War Measures Act set up a snitch line to report on so-called barbarian cultural practices or their 1970 equivalent, the French-speaking communities that lived outside Quebec would have been considered by many as the ground zero for the fostering of anti-Canadian values.

Those were the days when an English-rights manifesto famously titled Bilingual Today, French Tomorrow became a bestseller in some circles. The then-Progressive Conservative party in particular

was home to a solid contingent of followers who thought a Quebec-led federal government was out to use official bilingualism to wipe the English language and the country's British heritage and values off the Canadian map.

The masterminds behind

cluding that of her own party?

Among the values Leitch believes Canada should require support for from future immigrants, gender equality has pride of place. Fair enough. But many religions do not treat men and women equally. The Catholic Church for one



**CANADIAN VALUES** Supporters of a proposal to vet immigrants for purported anti-Canadian values would be hard-pressed to agree on what those could be. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

the residential school system that destroyed the social fabric of so many of Canada's indigenous communities were even more imbued with notions of superiority as to their values.

Given the long and mostly dishonourable history of the quest for a "unified" Canadian identity, it is hard to fathom what federal Conservative party leadership candidate Kellie Leitch is thinking when she uses such a pursuit to justify screening would-be immigrants for so-called anti-Canadian values.

A charitable explanation would be that she skipped her history classes on the way to her medical degree. But what about more recent history in-

cludes that of her own party? It denies women access to the priesthood. It frowns on contraception, has long been at the forefront of the fight against abortion rights and opposes same-sex marriage. On that basis, would Leitch subject the values of prospective Catholic immigrants to special scrutiny?

Moving on to gay rights and discrimination based on sexual orientation, in the '90s, the Reform Party fought tooth and nail against added protection from hate crimes for Canada's gay community. For the record, more than a few Liberal backbenchers in Jean Chrétien's caucus also opposed the change. Most said they were doing so on religious grounds. Until last spring it was still

Conservative party policy to insist that marriage should be reserved for heterosexual couples. Some of Leitch's Conservative colleagues are currently musing about running for the leadership to campaign for the restoration of the party's anti-same-sex marriage stance. This rear-guard battle comes more than a decade after the courts found equal access to marriage for same-sex couples to be a fundamental right.

To this day, many of the supporters Leitch might hope to attract with her proposal to vet immigrants for purported anti-Canadian values would be hard-pressed to agree on what those could be.

A word in closing: it is excessively rare, if not unprecedented, for an interim party leader to censure the proposals of a leadership candidate. Interim leaders for the most part stay above the fray.

Over the weekend, Conservative interim leader Rona Ambrose made an exception for Leitch's values musings.

Most of Leitch's leadership rivals have also come down against her proposal.

They are right in their assessment that a leadership conversation along those lines would be divisive for the party in the short term and counterproductive for the Conservatives in the longer one.

In a country as diverse as this one there is a limited market for the notion that immigration poses a bigger threat to the ever-evolving inclusive values of Canadians than some of the negative forces at play within some of its main parties.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro on Thursdays.

## Old stereotypes bottled in new linguistic terms



**Azeezah Kanji**

The Canadian government's recent announcement that it will no longer call Daesh the Islamic State has been celebrated as a bold stand against Islamophobia, and a notable departure from Stephen Harper's fear-mongering about "Islamicism."

"The group is neither Islamic nor a state, and so will be referred to as Daesh (its Arabic acronym)," Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale explained in this year's edition of the Public Report on the Terrorist Threat to Canada — the first produced under the new Liberal government.

Names are important, and the misrepresentation of Islam as an inherently violent ideology is more deeply entrenched every time the name Islamic State is applied to an organization infamous for its atrocities. But anti-Muslim racism did not begin with the phrase Islamic State, and it will not end with the decision to use Daesh instead.

The ubiquitous references to the Islamic State are so pernicious only because of broader narratives persistently conflating Islam and terrorism. Otherwise, there would be little need for Goodale to clarify that a group comprising approximately 0.00006 per cent of the world's Muslim population, and condemned by large groups of leading Muslim scholars, cannot reasonably be described as "Islamic."

These broader narratives problematically equating

"terrorism" with "violence committed by Muslims" are reinforced by the government's 2016 assessment of the "terrorist threat," which focuses entirely on perils posed by individuals and organizations ostensibly inspired by Islam.

Previous Public Safety Canada publications, issued during the Harper regime, at least acknowledged the existence of "threats" emanating from non-Muslim quarters.

This latest Liberal-era iteration, in contrast, fixates exclusively on Muslim "violent extremism" as the problem. The report does not justify the parochialism of its scope: the Muslim monopoly on terrorism is meant to be so obvious that it can be taken as common sense truth.

However, surely some justification is necessary, since a recent academic study found there are at least 100 right-wing extremist groups active in Canada — inexplicably excluded from the panorama of "terrorist threats" confronting the nation.

The tactic of using superficial changes in terminology to mask deeper continuities in counterterrorism policy is not a uniquely Canadian phenomenon. Similar verbal manoeuvres have been employed by politicians in other Western liberal democracies embroiled in the "war on terror."

In Canada, the Trudeau government's seemingly sweet nectar of progress may turn out to be the same old bitter wine in new linguistic bottles.

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**A charitable explanation would be that she skipped her history classes.**





## INTERVIEW

### Singer tries her hand at design, unveils new line for Puma

Rihanna says if the Addams Family worked out in the gym, they would sport her new collection for Puma.

The singer's autumn/winter 2016 Fenty Puma by Rihanna line was launched Tuesday.

The collection of mostly black-and-white ensembles includes loose sweaters and oversized pants, maxi dresses, sneakers, slippers and sneaker heels.

She called the clothes and items — wearable at the gym or not — “kind of haunting.”

“I kind of imagined if the Addams Family was working out, this is what they would be wearing,” Rihanna said in an interview.

“This collection is kind of dark, but very oversized and long. Everything is extra and I love it,” she said.

“It’s something I definitely wear all the time and you either have to be into it or not.”

She launched the line at pop-up shops at Foot Locker and Bergdorf Goodman in New York, where her feverish fans awaited the pop star’s arrival. She wore Puma head-to-toe, including white thigh-high boots, a long black skirt and a track jacket.

Rihanna, 28, talked about the new line and how Japanese street culture inspired her style.



## Rihanna's sporty Addams Family



**This collection is kind of dark, but very oversized and long. Everything is extra and I love it.**

Rihanna

#### Did you listen to music while designing this line?

I always listen to music no matter what I’m doing. Music is definitely always something that drives the mood and creating and helps you lock that in and escape to a whole other world, but I won’t say any of these pieces were specific to certain songs or album — they just came from a feeling. I already knew what I wanted and I knew what I wanted to

see and the direction, but to actually now apply that to silhouettes and things that had to still come back to athleticism, I had such a thrill with that challenge.

#### What was it like designing a line versus shopping for yourself?

Oh my gosh, big difference! When you’re shopping, too, you feel like you’re designing as you’re shopping. You’re

like, ‘I love this, but I wish it was shorter or I wish it was purple. I wish it was a different fabric,’ you know. It starts there, but then when you have to start from scratch, it really comes with an idea first, and then ... you want to tweak and then you come up with something else and you want to add to it or change. It’s fun. It’s like an ocean — you can do whatever. It’s so, it’s a big canvas and Puma

definitely let me have a lot of freedom creatively so I was lucky with that.

#### You said this line was inspired by Japanese street culture. Do you remember your first trip to Japan? What was that like?

Supertrippy. I felt like I was on a whole other planet. I felt like I was the only person of my kind there. It was so weird. And their fashion, I

felt like I was watching a hip-hop music video, I remember. The guys all wanted to be like supergangster and oversized this, oversized that; they were so cool. But the girls, they all walked around in thigh-high boots and tiny shorts, supercute outfits that I knew came from hip-hop culture. It was really cool actually to see that. Actually the worst part about that trip was none of the shoes could fit me. I have big feet and they don’t. They stop at like a size six and that’s it. But it was fun. And I’ve always been inspired since that day; I’ve always been inspired by Japanese style.

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# 'Tis the season for all the heavyweights of literature

## PREVIEW

**Moore, Boyle, McEwan and Atwood drop new works**

For the weightiest novel this fall, or most any season, Alan Moore has the grandest ambition.

"The intention was to somehow combine four or five different books or impulses for books into one coherent whole," the author known for the graphic novels *Watchmen* and *V for Vendetta* says of *Jerusalem*, a 1,266-page words-only union of science and fantasy that references everyone from Albert Einstein to Oliver Cromwell. Moore worked a decade on his all-encompassing tale, set in his native Northampton, England.

"This is the book in which I have written most directly about the things that are most central to my life, these being my family and the place that I emerged from. By making the narrative so personal and specific I hoped to conjure a kind of universality, an evocation of the families and places that we all come from at some point in our ancestry, irrespective of who or where we are, but the fact remains that the materials of *Jerusalem* come from a source very close to me."

Fall is the time for "big books," whatever the page length, and some of the top fiction authors from around the world have new works coming, including Ian McEwan, Zadie Smith, Margaret Atwood, T. Coraghessan Boyle, Rabih Alameddine, Emma Donoghue, Jonathan Safran Foer and Michael Chabon. Ann Patchett, owner of Parnassus Books in Nashville, Tennessee, looks forward to selling Jacqueline Woodson's autobiographical novel *Another Brooklyn* and Colson Whitehead's celebrated, Oprah Winfrey-endorsed historical novel about slavery, *The Underground Railroad*.

Ann Patchett, the author, will be promoting her novel *Commonwealth*, although she'll keep it low-key at Parnassus Books.

"I'll sign them, put them in a linen bag, send them off with a picture of my dog Sparky. Sparky is the 'value added' element," she says.

Another author-book store owner, Jeff Kinney, has completed *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*, the 11th installment in his multimillion sell-



Alan Moore, known for his graphic novels *V for Vendetta* and *Watchmen*, is releasing a 1,266-page union of science and fantasy this fall, titled *Jerusalem*. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ing series. He will tour worldwide on behalf of Double Down, but at Kinney's *An Unlikely Story*, in Plainville, Massachusetts, the message is "try not to overdo it on the Wimpy Kid front."

"We have two small roller units with my books, and that's about it. I don't think someone coming off the street would know I own the bookstore if they hadn't heard beforehand," Kinney said.

Whitehead's novel is among several notable accounts of black life, past and present. Wesley Lowery's *They Can't Kill Us All* is The Washington Post reporter's book on the Black Lives Matter movement. *The Fire This Time*, edited by Jesmyn Ward, includes essays and poems on race by Isabel Wilkerson, Kevin Young and 16 others. Margot Lee Shetterly's *Hidden Figures*, which has been adapted for a feature film, documents the historic contributions made by black women mathematicians to the country's space program.

Douglas R. Egerton's *Thun-*

der at the Gates tells of the black Civil War soldiers made famous in the movie *Glory*, which he calls a "powerful, beautifully acted" production that "manages to get absolutely everything wrong." Egerton says fiction and nonfiction on slavery and the Civil War have become more prominent in recent years.

"When I was younger, novels that wrestled with slavery were few and often published by obscure presses," he says. "That appears to be no

longer true. Perhaps also the sesquicentennial of the war and the dawn of Reconstruction has led ... to a rebirth of scholarship about black history. One of the depressing things about going to conferences now is to wander through the book exhibit and realize how many new books there are that I need to read!"

Two books that could contain tough words for presidential contenders Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump are scheduled for Nov. 15, the week after Election Day: Bernie Sanders' *Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In* is expected to include his thoughts on his surprisingly competitive primary battle with Clinton, while Megyn Kelly's *Settle for More* will likely recount her feud with Trump and her thoughts on ousted Fox News chairman Roger Ailes.

In music, Bruce Springsteen's *Born to Run* could be the hottest rock memoir since Keith Richards' *Life* was released in 2010. The Band's Robbie Robertson offers *Testimony* this fall, while *My Life with Earth, Wind & Fire* is a posthumous release from Earth, Wind & Fire founder Maurice White, featuring an introduction by Steve Harvey and foreword by producer David Foster.

Brian Wilson and fellow Beach Boys founder (and first cousin) Mike Love continue their long-running and occasionally litigious family competition as Wilson releases *I Am Brian Wilson* and Love has *Good Vibrations*. Often cast as the business-minded Beach Boy, at odds with the visionary Wilson, Love provides detailed accounts of how he wrote the lyrics to many of the Beach Boys' best known songs.

"The problem is you have hundreds of thousands of words about us, not always by people who were actually there," Love says. "I wanted to show how I was actually working on the songs with my cousin, writing the lyrics while he was creating those incredible chord progressions and harmonies."

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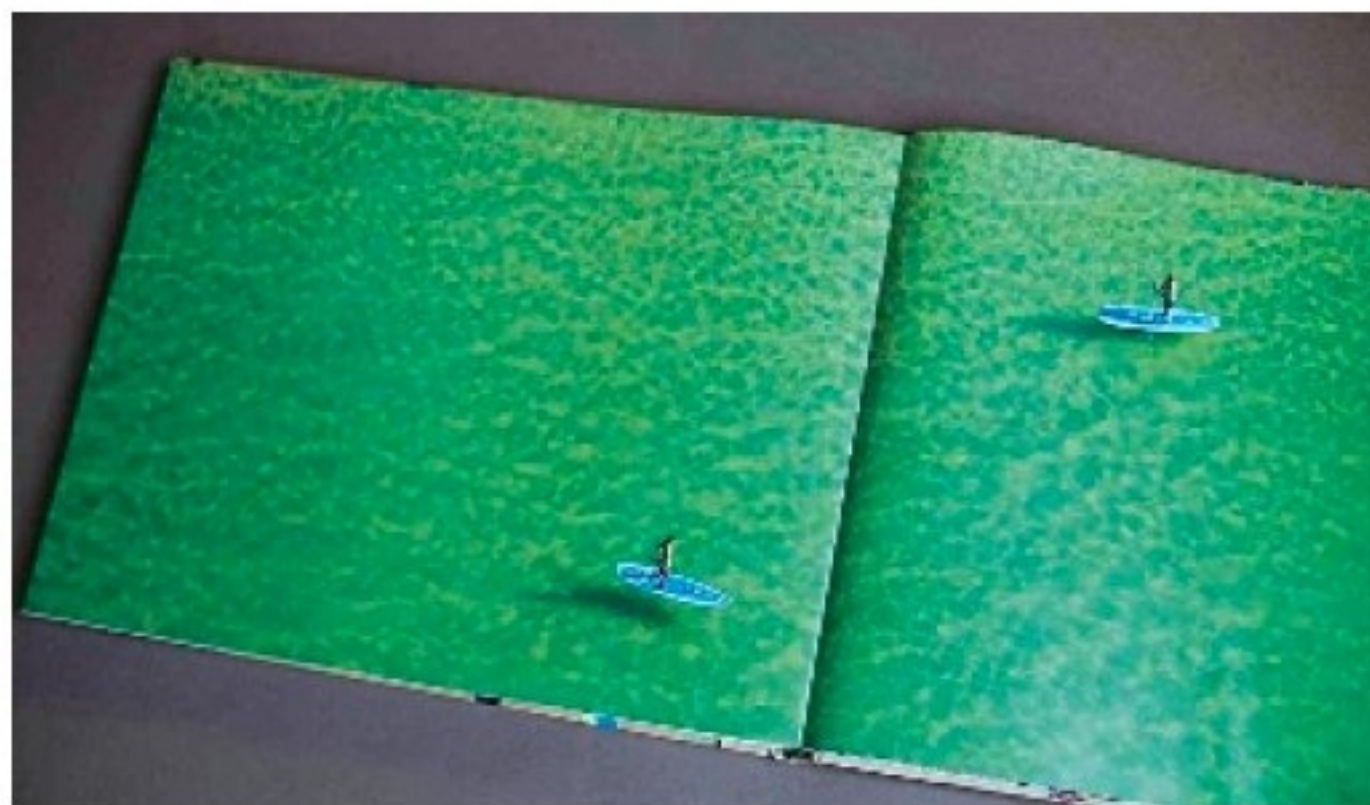


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# Birds'-eye beach view

Five years ago, photographer Gray Malin leaned out the balcony of his hotel room and had an epiphany: The view of the pool could "offer a sense of joy and freedom that unites us all." With *Beaches* (Harry N. Abrams), he traversed five continents to capture the bliss of waterside idyll. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



## Paddle Boards, Dubai, UAE

The man-made shorelines of Dubai proved a powerful lure for Malin, convinced of the allure of water despite its obvious lack here. Obtaining permission to photograph from above proved difficult, Malin suggests, though clearly not impossible.



## La Fontelina, Capri, Italy

The rocky shores on the island of Capri, in Italy, provide a rough counterpoint to the fine sands of most of Malin's images. The photographer's aerial tour over the country's coastline prompted him to say that "his umbrella-obsessed mind was overstimulated ... every single color you could dream of ... I was in Heaven."



## Tiki Beach, Cancun, Mexico

Umbrellas cobbled from dried palm fronds add distinctive texture to Malin's images of Tiki Beach, near Cancun, which he calls a "vacation dreamland."



## Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia

An array of patterns and bodies fleck the bleached sand of perhaps Australia's most famous beach, home to generations of sun-worshipping denizens living in the country's largest city. Malin flew up and down the famous coastal walk there.



## Camps Bay, Cape Town, South Africa

The long curl of the beach at Camps Bay, a Cape Town suburb on the skirt of Table Mountain on the Atlantic side of Cape of Good Hope (which makes it freezing at the best of times) were irresistible for Malin, who then mirrored the image into a watery heart.

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# Neither him nor her, but *hijra*

INTERVIEW

## Anosh Irani's novel explores daily lives of a 'third gender'

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



When Anosh Irani was a young boy, up until about the age of eight, his family lived in a compound about 100 metres away from Bombay's red-light district, where the sex workers would line up in the evenings. Even as a child, walking by the area with his mother or riding past on a bus, Irani recalls being haunted and fascinated by what he witnessed.

That district is also home to many hijra, a group that uniquely identifies as a third gender, neither man nor woman. Objectified, reviled and yet wanted for their blessings, it is a culture that operates on a guru-disciple relationship, where its members are welcomed into the community through a unique set of rituals and practices, including castration.

Irani knew he wanted to write a novel with a hijra protagonist, but it took a decade before the Vancouver-based playwright and author felt ready to write *The Parcel*, about a young boy named Madhu who feels born into the wrong body, and spends a lifetime trying to find love and acceptance.

The story follows Madhu from his early years, when he is taken away from his family by a gurumai, and subsequently becomes one of the most desired hijra. We meet Madhu again later in life, when, as a beggar, she is tasked to prepare a "parcel": a young girl who



Anosh Irani has longed to write a novel with a hijra protagonist after growing up close to the chaos and colour of Bombay's red-light district. RAFFI ANDERIAN

has been sold into prostitution.

"I don't think I would have ever written this book if I hadn't been born just outside the district," Irani says. "I wouldn't have had the courage. I wouldn't have had the confidence. I'm writing both as an insider and an outsider."

Irani, who travels back to Bombay for several months every year to visit family, would spend

hours walking through the city. It was only after he finished a couple drafts of



*The Parcel* did he actually interview a hijra, to ensure his novel was factually correct.

"There are different ways of coming to the truth and fiction is one of the best, most complex ways to get an incredible amount

of depth," he says. "The good thing about being in a city like Bombay is that you can be invisible very fast. You go there, you walk, you overhear things but you observe. Research for me is observation of the actual physicality of the place."

One of Irani's observations was that despite the often horrific conditions, there was humour to be found, which he deliberately wove throughout the story.

"It comes from the street level, and just listening to how people speak, you get the sense that it's very alive," he says. "Often times humour comes from pain, but it is very much part of that world. Also, as a novelist, if I'm writing some-

thing that's so realistic and in many ways really bleak, you need humour to allow the reader to continue."

Although the Western world is finally coming to terms with trans rights and the fluidity of gender, Irani's motives for writing the book were not political.

"I feel very privileged to be able to do this because there were moments when I was there — once you see something you can't not see it. Once you know something, you can't erase it from your memory," he says.

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

COMICS

## Cost of showbiz for women

Glitterbomb

BY: Jim Zub and Djibril Morissette-Phan

PUBLISHER: Image Comics

**Mike Donachie**  
Metro | Canada

With TIFF on Canadians' minds, there's never been a better week for Canadian creators to launch a new comic book about the darker side of Hollywood.

The first part of *Glitterbomb*, the disturbing look at the life of a struggling actress, is out now. It's written by Toronto's Jim Zub and drawn by Montreal-based Djibril Morissette-Phan, and a perfect example of how Image fosters intriguing creative projects.

It's all about Farrah Durante, a single mother and actress who's on the hunt for her next gig. But she's too old to be a starlet, and people never tire of telling her so. And (no spoilers) there's all the blood and torn flesh, because this is also a horror comic.

It's a fascinating book, telling an important story about the way Hollywood devours women. But perhaps even more horrible are the true events related in the back-up material, the first of a series of essays by former movie producer Holly Raychelle Hughes, describing her experiences in the business.



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# Inside the fall of the last shah of Iran

## INTERVIEW

### New deep dive humanizes last man at helm of imperial state

The shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, went into exile in 1979 following a ruthless revolution that tilted the country from a largely westernized culture to an Islamic regime, ruled by ultra-conservative ayatollahs.

At the time, author Andrew Scott Cooper was nine years old but he followed the events on television and became gripped by what was unfolding. Later, Cooper did graduate work in the history of Iran and wrote two books about the country.

The most recent, *The Fall of Heaven: The Pahlavis and the Final Days of Imperial Iran*, is based not only on documentary evidence but also on interviews with the shah's widow, Queen Farah, former U.S. National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and other witnesses who watched the unravelling of the Persian kingdom.

Our conversation has been edited for length.

**I want to ask about your research. You spent over a year constructing a 242-page timeline from January 1977 to Aug. 1, 1978. Yikes!** It allows me to keep control of thousands of pages of documents. I had classified U.S. government documents, translated accounts and newspaper articles from the 1970s. The only way I could keep track was to create a

timeline.

**You write with great empathy about the shah, but he was indecisive, out of touch with his people and took counsel from advisers who were never going to tell him the truth.**

I wanted to humanize the shah. The most traditional narrative is that he was a bloodthirsty autocrat who suppressed human rights. I try to present the shah as a fully rounded human being who had character flaws but was trying to do what he thought was the right thing.

**Look how he treated his wife. He had a Parisian madam flying prostitutes to Tehran whom he would meet in a safe house. And Farah knew.**

It was the 1970s. There wasn't social media and the Internet and people could get away with this stuff. So many people in Iran, middle-class people, knew about the shah's womanizing. It wasn't a state secret. The other leader I would draw parallels to is John F. Kennedy, who also ran enormous personal risks. There is something about power and male authority figures who think they can get away with it.

**Was the revolution in Iran merely a reflection of the student uprisings in the U.S., France and elsewhere? Was it just a time of protest?**

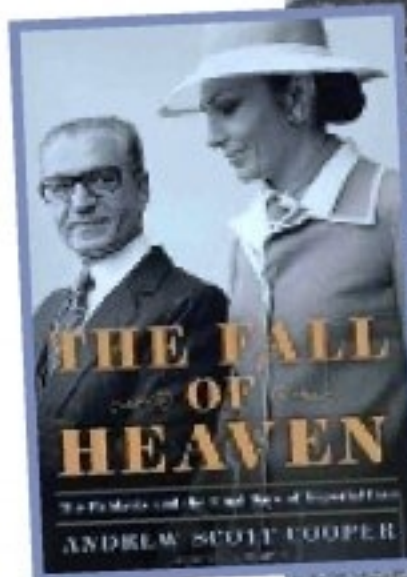
I thought about that a great deal as I was writing the book. The revolution in Iran was of a time and place.

Youth unrest in Europe and the U.S. started in the mid-1960s and continued into the 1970s. In Iran there was a generation coming of age. Many of these people had been educated in the U.S. and Europe. They went back to Iran and took the tools of protest with them.

**Ayatollah Khomeini, the religious leader prominent in the overthrow of the shah, was tutored by advisers when he was in exile to hide his misogyny and his extreme political views. In fact, he came across as being very avuncular and hid his views so well that people thought of him as another Che Guevara.**

People say the shah was dictatorial, but the dictatorial one was really Khomeini. His advisers told him to tone it down when it was apparent he was going to inherit power because he was scaring people. A lot of Iranians say, "We were lied to." I don't buy that. If you read his thesis from 1970, which was widely available, you get a sense that this guy was a theocrat and not afraid to use violence in pursuit of power.

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Queen Farah and shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi were the last of the ruling Pahlavi dynasty which had controlled Iran from 1925 until 1979. CONTRIBUTED

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# A dozen that's well worth diving into

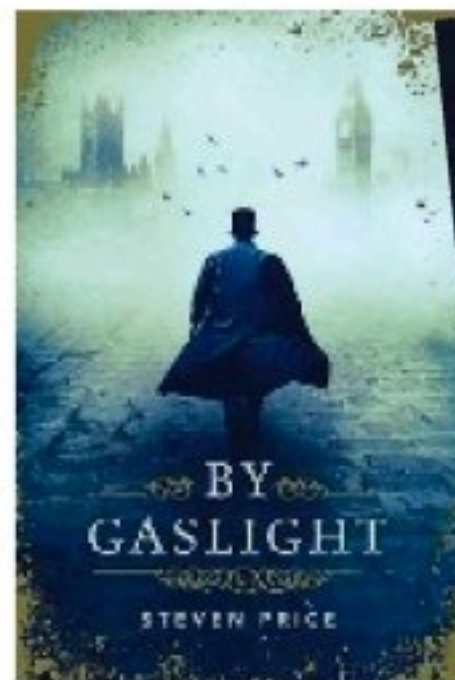
## AWARDS

### Debutantes and veterans among 12 hopefuls on Giller longlist

These are the authors and books you'll want to familiarize yourself with if you haven't already had a chance to read them: sweeping fiction, short stories, debut authors and veteran writers all feature on the 2016 Scotiabank Giller Prize longlist, announced Wednesday morning. The 12 titles vying for the \$100,000 final prize were whittled down by the jury from 161 books submitted by 69 publishers.

"We selected books that reflect the boldness, originality and global perspectives that have come to characterize much Canadian writing," the jury, chaired this year by Canadian writer Lawrence Hill, noted.

On this eclectic list is Madeleine Thien, who is having a good year. Her *Do Not Say We Have Nothing* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada) was nominated for the Booker Prize in July and it has



now made the longlist for Canada's most prestigious literary award. It is her first appearance on the list. Emma Donoghue, who is also having a good year — in January she was nominated for an Oscar for best adapted screenplay for the adaptation of her book *Room* — is on the list for the second time for her upcoming book *The Wonder* (out Sept. 20).

David Bergen has been on a Giller list three times before. He won in 2005 for *The Time In Between*, was longlisted in 2008 for *The Retreat* and made



the shortlist in 2010 for *The Matter With Morris*. This year he's been nominated for his book that explores the idea of displacement and class through the story of a Guatemalan girl, *Stranger*.

Steven Price's *By Gaslight* (McClelland & Stewart), the last book edited by venerable M&S editor Ellen Seligman, who passed away in March, gives Price his first Giller nomination.

Gary Barwin, also a familiar name — he's written more than 20 books of poetry, fiction and stories for children — is on the



Giller list for the first time for *Yiddish for Pirates*, a pun-laden look at religious persecution.

Another familiar author on the list for the first time is Zoe Whittall for *The Best Kind of People*, a look at what happens when a family member is accused of sexual assault. She's published fiction and poetry before and writes for TV, *Schitt's Creek* and *Baroness von Sketch Show* most recently.

Debut novelist Mona Awad is also on the list for her book *13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl* (Penguin Canada) which won the



Amazon.ca First Novel Award in May. Two short story collections made the list: Kathy Lee Powell's *Willem De Kooning's Paintbrush* (HarperAvenue) and Kathy Page's *The Two of Us* (A John Metcalf Book, an imprint of Biblioasis).

The indie publisher Biblioasis, which had three publications on the shortlist last year, is represented this year with two titles — *The Two of Us* as well as Catherine Leroux's *The Party Wall*, (Biblioasis International Translation Series, translated by Lazer Lederhendler).

Other independent publishers

also make a strong showing — Wolsak and Wynn is represented on the list for the first time with Susan Perly's novel *Death Valley*.

*Pillow* by Andrew Battershill (Coach House Books), gives last year's Giller-winning publishing house a title on this year's list of nominees as well. Last year's winner, Andre Alexis, who was awarded the final prize of \$100,000 for his book *Fifteen Dogs*, did not appear on this year's longlist for his latest book *The Hidden Keys*. Neither did Gail Anderson-Dargatz who had two previous showings (in 1998 for *A Recipe for Bees* and 1996 for *A Cure For Death by Lightning*).

This year, the five-person jury is made up of Canadian writers Lawrence Hill (the jury chair), himself a longlist nominee in 2007 for *The Book of Negroes*, Jeet Heer and Kathleen Winter, as well as British author Samantha Harvey and Scottish writer Alan Warner.

The shortlist is set to come out later this month, on Sept. 26. The overall winner will be announced at a gala event on Nov. 7 and aired live on CBC Television.

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# A taste of haciendas

Casa Mexico (Rizzoli) by Annie Kelly and photography by Tim Street-Porter gives us a peek into the homes of the Yucatan, and inspiration on how to bring elements from one of our favourite holiday spots into our own homes year round. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



## Suspended sleep

This bed, hung by ropes from the ceiling, was designed by the architects brought in when the new owners of Hacienda Petac bought it about 14 years ago when the buildings were in poor shape. The idea was to preserve the traditional details while updating it to modern standards.



## Balance and tradition

The dining room in this 18th-century hacienda features traditional Mexican furniture and a soothing balance of warm oranges on the walls and cool blues underfoot. It's part of Hacienda Petac, a seven-bedroom property you can rent.



## Modern graphic

Still at Casa Brown, this black, white and green master bathroom was added — it's modelled on and inspired by one in a completely different part of the world: at the Musée Nissim de Camondo in Paris (a private mansion that was turned into a museum of French decorative arts).



## Library envy

Casa Brown's large library features bookshelves up to the ceiling — the family who owns this runs Carpe Diem Press, an art book-publishing business — but it also does double duty as a dining room. The iron chandelier is from the 16th century, from Venice, Italy.



## Twisted wire

The steel and twine chairs are called Stork Nest chairs and were brought to this traditional home — Casa Serrano Willson — from New York. Some of the spaces in the home seem right out of the 1920s mixed with ultra modern pieces. Old and new living together in harmony.



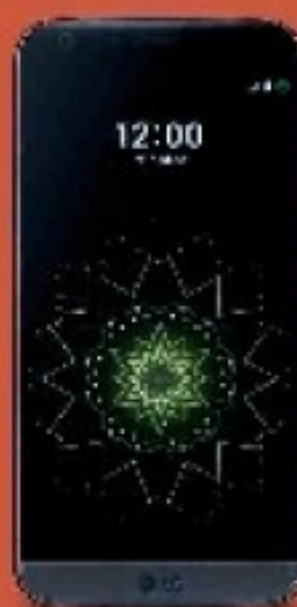
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER  
WHAT I'M WATCHING

## Kurt Russell: Ready for his renaissance



Kurt Russell in *The Battered Bastards of Baseball*. CONTRIBUTED

**THE SHOW:** *The Battered Bastards of Baseball* (Netflix)  
**THE MOMENT:** Kurt (swoon) Russell

"Our first game, we knew we were winning," says the actor Kurt Russell about playing for the Portland Mavericks, a scrappy, independent, Class A baseball team, back in the 1970s.

"But then we realized, 'Wait a minute, have they even gotten a hit?'" He grins. "Our first game was a 4-0 no-hitter. We looked at each other and said, 'This is gonna be magic.'"

That's a good word for this 2014 documentary, directed by Chapman Way and Maclain Way, about the Mavericks, whose run was brief (1973 to 1978) but legendary. In 1973, baseball was already a corporate affair. Independent ball clubs, which once numbered in the hundreds, had dwindled to zero. But Kurt Russell's dad, Bing Russell, a journey-

man actor whose biggest credit was 13 years on *Bonanza*, so loved the game, he financed his own independent team. He held open auditions, hiring a rogue's gallery of funny, hairy, paunchy guys, then used his knowledge of show business to whip them into a sensation.

Kurt doesn't dominate the story; he appears just enough to remind us what a shaggy, sexy guy he's always been. This doc shows us the roots of his all-American naturalism, and makes me think that, though he's not Jeff Bridges, he's ripe for a Bridges-style renaissance.

I hope some new guy with deep pockets steps up and finances a feature version of this ballpark Animal House, so Kurt can play his dad.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

## EAT PRAY LOVE GOSSIP

**Elizabeth Gilbert declares love for dying female friend**

Eat Pray Love author Elizabeth Gilbert, who split from her husband in July, says she's in love with her best friend, a woman named Rayya Elias, who was recently

diagnosed with incurable pancreatic and liver cancer. Gilbert says in a Facebook post Wednesday the terminal diagnosis uncovered her true feelings for her friend, and those feelings led to Gilbert's divorce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Stars Hollow lives on for these podcasters

INTERVIEW

**Gilmore Girls enthusiasts take their show on the road**

Impossibly quaint fictional town Stars Hollow may not seem an appropriate arena for caustic debate — that is, if you've never met a hardcore *Gilmore Girls* fan.

And when it comes to the motor-mouthed mother-daughter duo, devotees hardly come more fervent than Demi Adejuyigbe and Kevin T. Porter.

The *Gilmore Guys* podcasters have taken their talent for analyzing the beloved seven-season family-drama saga — soon to be revived by Netflix! — on the road with an interactive show. And, well, we grilled Adejuyigbe and Porter for their opinions on the most divisive *Gilmore* debates around.

**Which of Rory's long-term boyfriends do you prefer: Logan, Jess, or Dean?**

**Porter:** Man, I think it's OK if we just take Dean out of the equation 100 per cent. On an episode to episode basis, Logan is actually kind of a great boyfriend: really functional, good for her. But at the end of the day, the only one that makes sense out of those three is Mr. Jess Mariano. I don't think she will end up with him but, out of those three, I'd have to pick him.

**Adejuyigbe:** I would begrudgingly say Jess; he averages out to the best even though he's had some huge mess-ups in his characterization. By the end of his role, he's the best person, though



*Gilmore Girls* fans and podcasters Demi Adejuyigbe (left) and Kevin T. Porter. CONTRIBUTED

I don't know if he's the best for Rory.

**Let's talk Christopher: misunderstood or the worst?**

**Porter:** He's pretty misunderstood. It's easy to vilify him because the writers and the show directly pit him against the main love interest (Luke). But he's a good dude. And I actually think his chemistry with Lorelai is superior to Luke's in a lot of ways. I really get Christopher and Lorelai in a way I sometimes don't get Luke and Lorelai.

**Adejuyigbe:** Christopher's misunderstood in the earlier seasons, but as we get through Season 7, I start to believe he's truly the worst. He gives up pretty easily on his relationship with Lorelai in the seventh season, after misinterpreting some things in her interactions with

Luke. That's a stupid move and it shows he wasn't so into the marriage as he had claimed to be. Christopher freaks out because he thinks Lorelai might not love him as much as he thought, but she still clearly loves him. It's really bad the way he reacts to her feelings.

**Should anyone watch Season 7?**

**Porter:** You could skip it and you wouldn't miss that much. I just pretended the show got cancelled after Season 6 and I never watched Season 7 until recently. It does have some merits, but it's a hard season to recommend in this time of peak TV. It's just OK. Parts of it are disastrous, but overall it's going to be like a meal from



McDonald's: it'll go down OK with some possible harsh side effects.

**Adejuyigbe:** Season 7's pretty good. I don't think it's as bad as anyone says it is. They made some bold decisions. Splitting Lorelai and Luke is upsetting at first, but once you realize why they do it, it's a big move because you want them back together. It's so well built you're wanting it to happen even if you do like Christopher.

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# Sip like a star with this drink

It's a top-shelf Toronto cocktail inspired by Drake — and at **\$600 a glass**, only the likes of him can afford it. **The 6, a six-ingredient tippie created at the Ritz-Carlton hotel** in honour of this year's Toronto International Film Festival, is an ultra-smooth, standout twist on a classic Manhattan. **Bartender Courtney Messam** lovingly mixes his creation with a silver spoon: six times clockwise, six times counter-clockwise. And talk about gilding the lily: It's garnished with edible leaves made of pure gold. GENNA BUCK/METRO

The iconic **Rémy Martin Louis XIII Cognac**, made from French champagne grapes, has some components that are aged 100 years. "It's my favourite cognac, the best of the best," Messam said.

**Peychaud's cherry-scented bitters** are milder than the angostura in a typical martini, so their flavour doesn't overwhelm the ultra-delicate liquors, Messam said.

**Vermouth** provides a hit of sweetness to round out the experience. This assertive, slightly oaky Italian variety is virtually impossible to find on store shelves in Canada — bars import it by the case.

Some scotches in **Johnny Walker Blue Label** blend are aged for 30 years, which lends complexity to the drink, Messam said.

Sweet **tea syrup** helps bring together the spirits' flavours without drowning them out, Messam said.

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**TIFF \$600 Drink**

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### Sip it yourself

You may not have an access to gold garnish, but you can make a deliciously drinkable incarnation of The 6 at home, Messam said. He suggests Johnny Walker Red Label (\$29.95/750 mL), Hennessy Vs Cognac (\$20.55/200 mL), and a sweet vermouth of your choice (like Martini & Rossi Sweet Vermouth Red, \$13.40/1L).



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# Inside the world of colour forecasting

## TRENDS

## Meet the experts behind the next big hue

Earlier this year, in a Manhattan conference room littered with half-eaten lunches, water bottles, laptops and easels, a group of colour forecasters from PPG Brands was wrapping up a week of work.

They came up with recommendations that will influence the colours and finishes we're likely to see in 2017 on products including appliances, cars, phones, airplanes, paints, beverage cans, even holiday ornaments.

PPG Brands — which makes paint, coatings and materials for industries ranging from architecture and aerospace to automotive and consumer products — is just one of many companies that produce colour forecasts.

At this Manhattan meeting, the forecasters were deep-diving into colour decks, field research reports, magazines, books and each other's heads. The easels were covered with inspiration swatches, photos and descriptive



From the entire colour spectrum, Violet Verbena, a greyish violet, was chosen as Colour of the Year by the team at PPG Brands. iStock

phrases. Small groups sprawled on the carpet with card-filled recipe boxes. They brainstormed, laying out arrays of co-ordinating colours that looked like mosaics, or game boards. Cards were edited in and out, until the palettes came together and there was a universal nod of satisfaction.

Dee Schlotter, senior colour marketing manager for PPG's paint brands, in Pittsburgh, oversaw the forecast session.

"The team considers what's happening in so-

**“The team considers what's happening in society, fashion, nature.”**

Dee Schlotter

ciety, fashion, nature and elsewhere, and delves into things that resonate with consumers," she said.

For instance, "After 9/11, soft pink, a compassionate colour, and chocolate brown, a grounding colour, bubbled to the surface in home decor."

A few years later, greys became popular and dominated the neutrals category, she said, "because with the state of the economy and of the world, the hue felt right."

This year, the Color of the Year choice was unanimous.

Violet Verbena is a greyish violet. The forecasters liked its gender and age neutrality, as well as its presence in the natural world, from amethysts to outer space, but the team won't know its greater appeal for sure until products begin to roll out.

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# Fall is the perfect time for a fresh coat

## HOME DECOR

**Paint is the best way to update a space on the cheap**

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Fall is a time of new beginnings and, there's no better time to brighten up your space with a new colour scheme.

Adding colour to your home can be an intimidating task. But paint is a quick way to add major impact to your suite without spending a fortune.

"I am a big believer that paint is the best design tool," says Toronto interior designer Kim Jones.

"All of the paint companies today have made it pretty easy and safe to go to their stores and find a card that contains three to five colors that work together well."

Jones suggests a slightly higher investment that will get you the Sherwin-Williams Emerald series of paint that generally covers in one coat. "The caveat

is what was under the coat," explains Jones. "If it's old paint, or a very dark paint, then you should add a coat of Kilz primer first, to leave a clean layer for the new paint to stick to."

A smart designer's trick is to layer the paint. "Layering means that you put the darkest colour at the end of the visual walkway, and the lightest col-

our near the front," says Jones. "That way, one is drawn into the room."

Darker colours tend to get a bad rap when it comes to the perception that it makes the room smaller. Not necessarily so, says Jones. "It does not make the room appear smaller when there is a good contrast between the other elements in

the room such as the floor and the ceiling colour."

Start with one room. For example, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore's colour and design expert explains how you can transform your bathroom into a relaxing oasis over a weekend in just a few steps.

To create an open, airy feel in a small bathroom, Grech recom-

## + MORE TIPS

**Kim Jones shares her expertise on finding the right colour for your space:**

### White

There is no such thing as white. Some whites are yellow. Some go blue.

### Black

Black is not a colour. We humans came up with it. Black is used best as a contrast in small doses in the home.

### Blue

When painting blue on a wall, always go a bit lighter than you think you want. Blue saturates differently

and can take on a very different tone in a large space.

### Old

Our eyes change over the years and the older we get, the more of a yellow cast we see.

### Young

Kids see contrasts in colour first. This is often why a nursery has bright colours in it.

### Gender

Women see ranges in colour more easily.

mends using subtle colours and working with a monochromatic colour scheme that features various paint finishes. "You can create dimension in any room by playing around with varying sheen levels."

As far as colour trends, mel-low yellow, the brightest colour in the wavelength, is topping the charts this year. From run-

ways to home accessories to paint, this hue is popping up everywhere.

Grech suggests using premium paint with zero emissions, such as Natura Waterborne Paint from Benjamin Moore.

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## How to host guests like the very best



Built-in bunk beds create a welcoming sleep space for guests while using space efficiently in this guest bedroom. TRIA GIOVA/BETSY BURNHAM VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### HOSTING

#### Creating a great space for visitors can be a balancing act

Hosting houseguests can be a challenge under the best of circumstances. Having a well-designed, private space for them is a huge help, but many homeowners don't have a dedicated room just for that.

"Realistically, most people don't have guests every week," says interior designer Betsy Burnham, founder of Burnham Design in Los Angeles, so many create hybrid guest room/home office spaces, or blend a guest room with a playroom or crafting room.

The challenge is making the space warm and welcoming to guests but functional for other needs. Here, Burnham, small-space design expert Kathryn Bechen and Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of the design firm Flynnside Out Productions, offer advice:

#### Create a flexible space

If your home office will double as your guest room, Flynn suggests designing a creative workstation that doesn't feel like a corporate office. Instead of

putting identical nightstands on either side of a bed or sofa bed, try mixing and matching bedside furniture, he says, "letting one of them be a desk or console table to double as a workstation."

And you may not want a queen-size bed dominating your workspace. Burnham notes that there are many comfortable sofa beds these days.

Or try a daybed with a trundle attachment. Decorate with structured cushions that give the appearance of a sofa by day, but are easily put aside at night.

One great retro option: Burnham says there are modern Murphy beds with innovative designs that work well in smaller rooms.

#### Colour and texture

Another way to make a home office feel like a welcoming guest room is using colour "to personalize the space and draw you in to rest," says Flynn. "I use blue-greys and grey-greens because they're soft and relaxing, but not too energetic."

He also suggests using a range of textures in upholstery, bedding and floor coverings. For example, "Mix super-nubby textures like boucle that feel good on your feet with sleek ones like silk and satin."

Burnham's new line of furniture, called Wardrobe, is up-

### + FINAL TOUCHES

#### Power up

Add an extra power strip so guests can charge digital devices, and print out your WiFi password for easy reference.

#### Picture this

If the visitor is an old friend or relative, create a small photo album of images from your shared past and place it on the nightstand.

holstered in cozy, touch-friendly fabrics like soft linen, chambray and denim.

#### Sharing the space

If the room is normally your office, decide whether you'll completely withdraw from using it while guests are in town.

If it's possible to work elsewhere in the house for a few days, make that easier by keeping an attractive empty box or basket on hand to gather work items for temporary relocation.

If relocating isn't practical, Bechen suggests discussing the subject up front, preferably before your guest arrives.

"A lot of people work from home," she says. "So the issue is being considerate and sensitive,



# Have your cake and DIY too

## CRAFTING

### Making a decorative cake stand is as easy as 1, 2, 3

Making a cake stand is a piece of cake.

This easy DIY will elevate your party decor without having to spend lots of money at a party shop and will elevate your pies.

Cake stands are inexpensive to make and a great way

to repurpose old dishes that you inherited.

Don't worry about matching too much, have fun mixing objects up for a playful look.

All you need is a little glue and a stack of pretty plates, and bases to create a pedestal, then bake something sweet to display on them.

#### TRY IT

#### Step 1: Gather the supplies.

Wooden pedestals and wooden circles can be purchased at craft stores.



Cake stands are a festive way to serve pies, pastries and cupcakes. DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Use old dishware such as plates or platters as a cake plate paired with candle holders, small vases or bowls and glasses to create a pedestal. Just make sure the edge is wide and flat to use as a pedestal.

Strong glue appropriate for the material you are using (such as super glue) will hold the stand together.

You'll need:

- Wooden pedestal or other pedestal
- Wooden circle or plates
- Super glue
- Paint

#### • Paintbrush

#### Step 2: Get painting

Apply a coat of paint to the wooden plate. Let dry.

#### Step 3: Glue it

Apply some of the super glue to the flat side of the pedestal and press into place in the centre of the plate. Let the glue dry.

Let the glue holding the cake stand together dry completely before moving or using.

Check manufacturers' directions for appropriate drying time.

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## RETAIL

### Not feeling crafty? Buy it

We've rounded up five cake stands that are ready to serve up your sweet treats.

**1 Cattails Woodwork** A cake stand worthy of heirloom recipes or bakery treats, made from solid black walnut in a studio in rural P.E.I. Walnut Cake Stand \$225 plus \$15 shipping Ready to ship in two to three weeks.

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## Wise beyond their years

WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY

### Young North American team has veterans it can lean on

Team North America head coach Todd McLellan has "young experience" on his squad that may end up playing a key role in the World Cup of Hockey.

While teenagers like Connor McDavid and Auston Matthews will get most of the attention during the eight-team tournament, there are a handful of players on the roster who are not all that young, at least in terms of NHL experience.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins of the Edmonton Oilers and Sean Couturier of the Philadelphia Flyers have spent the last five seasons in the NHL, piling up more than 300 games apiece. Brandon Saad of the Columbus Blue Jackets has played 286 regular-season games in four seasons, but also has 67 playoff games under his belt and won a pair of Stanley Cups while with the Chicago Blackhawks.

"There are times in games and in locker-rooms where we'll have to settle down a bit," McLellan said Wednesday. "We may get running around. Not panicking, but a little nervous."

"That's where being young comes in. But we have some players — (Nathan) MacKinnon, Nugent-Hopkins, Couturier — who have played a long time in

the league now. They should be relied on as the guys that can settle things down and say, 'OK let's get back to our structure and play as a team and we'll be fine.'"

The North American team includes players from Canada and the United States who are 23 or younger.

Couturier, who has a team-high 350 NHL games on his resumé, is centring the checking line with Vincent Trocheck of the Florida Panthers (146 games) and J.T. Miller of the New York Rangers (196) and is expected to be a top penalty killer.

"I was lucky enough to have him at the world championships in 2015," said McLellan. "He played a huge role in our success there."

"Very good at penalty killing and in the faceoff circle. Responsible all over the rink. It's nice to have that type of player on your team."

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### BACK IN GOAL

Carey Price will play his first game in 289 days when he starts Canada's World Cup of Hockey exhibition opener on Friday against the United States.

Price missed most of last season with a sprained medial collateral ligament.



**PARALYMPICS LET THE GAMES BEGIN** The Canadian delegation arrives to the opening ceremony of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday. Flag-bearer David Eng, a two-time gold medalist in wheelchair basketball, knelt on one knee when he entered Maracana Stadium and gave a fierce wave of the Maple Leaf. "This is a moment I will cherish forever," Eng said. "I'm feeling so blessed." SILVIA IZQUIERDO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**RIO 2016**

## Field of play won't feel cuts: Minister

Canada's sports minister has a deep background in Paralympic sport as an athlete and leader.

Carla Qualtrough says athletes will be able to compete to the best of their abilities in Rio de Janeiro despite the scaling back of the Paralympics.

A swimmer and former head of the Canadian Paralympic Committee, she doesn't expect competition for medals to be impaired in cash-strapped Rio.

**162**

Canada's 162 athletes are among the 4,300 competing in 23 sports.

"I'm absolutely confident we're going to have world-class performances here in Rio," Qualtrough told The Canadian Press. "The events are going to be run really soundly. All the experts from around the world from the different sports are here."

"They're in their venues and making sure that the athletes' experience on the field of play is top drawer. We're going to have to be patient with everything else."

Rio organizers have said deep budget cuts mean reduced workforce and transportation and the closing of some facilities for the Paralympics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Rebuilt Broncos put to the test in 2016 kickoff

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## Panthers look to avenge defeat in Super Bowl 50

The 2016 NFL season starts the same way the last one ended, with Von Miller staring down Cam Newton.

Denver's star linebacker got the best of Newton in Super Bowl 50, stripping both the football (twice) and the Lombardi Trophy from the Carolina quarterback's grasp in the Broncos' 24-10 win over the Panthers.

The sequel won't feature Peyton Manning, who retired a month later. When longtime backup Brock Osweiler signed with Houston two days after Manning's tearful goodbye, GM John Elway embarked on a months-long search for a successor.

He didn't find him in the draft, free agency or via trade, but right there on his roster in Trevor Siemian, a seventh-round draft pick in 2015 from Northwestern who'll be making his first NFL start Thursday night.

Siemian has never thrown a pass as a pro. At least he won't have to face star cornerback Josh Norman, who signed with the Redskins after the Panthers rescinded their franchise tag in the off-season.

Instead, Siemian will square off against two rookie corner-

backs in James Bradberry and Daryl Worley, the biggest changes on the NFC champions' roster that returns 18 starters.

"I'm not going to look at them like they're rookies," Broncos receiver Emmanuel Sanders said. "I'm going to treat them like they're Darrelle Revis and Richard Sherman."

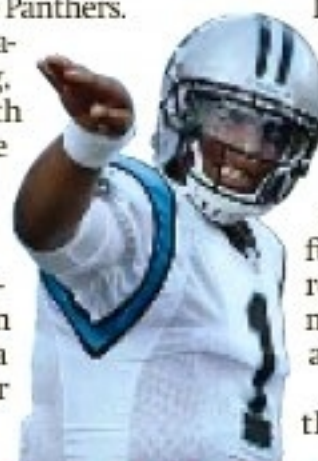
While the Panthers were restocking, the Broncos were busy rebuilding. They return just five offensive starters from the Super Bowl.

The massive makeover didn't take away from their championship celebration. When they visited the White House, receiver Demaryius Thomas got to personally thank President Barack Obama for commuting his mother's drug sentence, and successfully pleaded for the release of his grandmother this summer, as well.

Nobody basked in the limelight quite like Miller, who skipped the off-season program before signing a record-breaking contract. He embarked on a six-month jet-setting junket of television and dance studios.

Miller's torment of Newton in the

Super Bowl was just the start. He made him the butt of his jokes on "SNL" and trolled him on Instagram, photo-shopping himself knocking another ball out of Newton's hands when the QB posted a picture of himself playing with the U.S. water polo team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



45

League MVP Cam Newton led the NFL with 45 combined touchdowns last season.



Trevor Siemian, pictured, replaces Peyton Manning as the Broncos' starting quarterback.

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## IN BRIEF

**Sanders signs extension with defending champs**  
Emmanuel Sanders and the Denver Broncos agreed on a three-year, \$33-million contract extension Wednesday on the eve of the season opener.  
He'll make \$5.6 million this season in the final year of the three-year, \$15-million contract he signed with Denver in 2014.  
Sanders has posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in Denver, amassing 2,529 yards.  
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## Kaepernick glad Obama has his back

Colin Kaepernick was encouraged that President Barack Obama recently weighed in on his national anthem protest by praising him for generating conversation about social issues.

Obama said Monday that he had no doubt that the San Francisco 49ers quarterback is sincere and "cares about some real, legitimate issues." He also said approvingly that Kaepernick has generated more national conversation about "issues that need to be talked about" since his refusal to stand for the anthem became public less than two weeks ago.



Colin Kaepernick  
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"I think that was great that he came out and supported the message that we do need to make changes in these areas," Kaepernick said Wednesday.

Kaepernick was joined by teammate Eric Reid in kneeling for the anthem prior to the 49ers' last pre-season game.

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## Brees, Saints finally agree on extension

Saints quarterback Drew Brees decided against holding out for the lengthy contract extension he coveted and took one for the team.

The contract runs for five years, starting this season, but Brees is only guaranteed \$44.3 million over the next two years, a person familiar with the deal says.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of ano-

nymity on Wednesday because financial details of the extension had not been announced.

The deal also includes a \$30-million bonus and provides the Saints with nearly \$13 million in additional spending flexibility under the 2016 salary cap as the team continues to shuffle the roster in advance of Sunday's regular-season opener at home against Oakland.

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**"I'll be here as long as they'll have me."**

Drew Brees

RIGHTS

## Trans teen drives change in policy



Gilbert Ngabo  
Metro | Toronto

Three years after he filed a human rights complaint against Hockey Canada, Jesse Thompson is thrilled to see the organization changing its playbook when it comes to transgender athletes.

"Honestly, I feel like I have helped a lot of kids go out there and be themselves on ice," said Thompson, a Grade 12 student in Oshawa, Ont.

Starting this month, all Ontario branches of Hockey Canada are required to allow amateur trans hockey players to use whichever locker-room they wish, based on their gender identity.

Next year, the organization will roll out extensive training for its 30,000 coaches and trainers on transgender inclusion.

It all started in 2013, when Thompson, then 17, was denied access to the locker-room the rest of his teammates were using. Worse yet, they wouldn't let him use the girls' change room either.

"I was really mad and upset," he said, noting the incident "outed" him as trans and exposed him to harassment and bullying.

A year later, he couldn't put up with it anymore. He filed a discrimination case against Hockey Canada, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and the Oshawa Church Hockey League.

A settlement was reached the following year requiring Hockey Canada to amend its dressing-room policies. All players are also entitled to privacy and confidentiality about their trans status.

Advocates hope the settlement will set a precedent for other sports leagues across the province.

"Trans people are routinely and wrongly denied access to a locker-room or bathroom of their choice," said OHRC's chief commissioner Renu Mandhane. "That has to stop."

## A FIRST

The policies have yet to be adopted by Hockey Canada's other provincial branches.

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Jesse Thompson  
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## IN BRIEF

**Murray loses 5-set thriller**

Andy Murray dropped seven consecutive games after a let call caused by a loud noise in the arena's speaker system during a fourth-set point and lost to Kei Nishikori 1-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5 in a riveting U.S. Open quarterfinal Wednesday.

The incident happened with Murray already up two sets to one and holding a second break point at 1-all in the fourth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**F1 bought by U.S. company**

Formula One is being bought by Liberty Media, a U.S. company that invests in entertainment and sports, for \$4.4 billion.

With the deal Liberty Media Corp., which is controlled by tycoon John Malone, ended years of uncertainty about the ownership of the auto racing series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Pakistan ease past England**

Openers Sharjeel Khan and Khalid Latif both bludgeoned half centuries as Pakistan defeated England by nine wickets in their one-off Twenty20 international on Wednesday.

Left-hander Sharjeel scored 59 off 36 balls, while Latif made an unbeaten 59 off 42 in an unstoppable run-chase that reached 139-1 in 14.5 overs after England had made 135-7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Yankees win to sweep Jays**

Yankees' pitcher Bryan Mitchell earned his first major league win, combining with Luis Severino and Tyler Clippard to shut down the dangerous Toronto Blue Jays.

New York kept up their surprising surge with a 2-0 win Wednesday that completed a three-game sweep. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Aftermath of another qualifying failure

SOCCER

## Eyes on Floro as Canada's World Cup woe continues

After another failed bid to qualify for the World Cup, Canada Soccer is once again faced with the task of figuring out how to turn around its men's program.

Canada was eliminated from the 2018 qualifying phase on Tuesday night despite a 3-1 win over El Salvador at B.C. Place. A Honduras-Mexico tie meant Canada finished third in its group, just one point behind second-place Honduras.

First-place Mexico and Honduras advanced to the final qualifying round while Canada is once again on the outside looking in as the years since its only World Cup appearance in 1986 continue to stack up.

"I obviously feel terrible to be out," said forward Tosaint Ricketts. "But I'm proud of the guys and the effort we put out. We battled, we got goals and showed a lot of character and in the end that wasn't enough. That's how it goes sometimes. Football's cruel. We just have to look to the future."

That future will likely start with determining the fate of head coach Benito Floro.

Hired in the aftermath of a disastrous end to qualifying four years ago — Canada was



Canada's Tosaint Ricketts vies with El Salvador's Roberto Carlos Dominguez Fuentes and goalkeeper Oscar Daniel Arroyo in Tuesday night's World Cup qualifier in Vancouver.

DON MACKINNON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

knocked out in a humiliating 8-1 loss to Honduras — Floro guided Canada through a transitional period and implemented a different tactical approach where a great deal of time was spent in national team camps with instruction on and off the field.

But after yet another exit at this stage of the competition — Canada hasn't reached the final round of qualifying since the cycle for the 1998 World Cup — it seems change didn't come fast enough, with many fans and commentators questioning Floro's player selection and choice of substitutions.

Many players, however,

**“That's how it goes sometimes. Football is cruel. We just have to look to the future.”**

Canada's Tosaint Ricketts

would like Floro to stick around. "I honestly hope that he'll stay because we've seen a lot of progress in this program with him," said midfielder Samuel Piette.

Floro wasn't tipping his hand

about the future, choosing not to discuss that matter in his post-match press conference. If Floro does leave, Canada Soccer doesn't have much time to rebuild before more competitive games show up on the schedule.

Next summer's Gold Cup represents 100th-ranked Canada's best chance to move up the FIFA table. Moving up the rankings ladder could mean a more favourable draw in the qualifiers for the next World Cup, set to take place in Qatar in 2022.

The 2018 World Cup will be held in Russia. The next round of qualifying begins later this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# RECIPE Margherita Pizza Waffles



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**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

- freshly chopped basil
- 1/4 cup fresh shaved Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup marinara sauce

Savoury waffles will be your new breakfast for dinner addiction for not only their ease, but the multitude of option available. We love the all-around flavor favourite of a margherita pizza, though

## Ready in 20 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Makes 4 waffles

## Ingredients

- 3 cups spelt flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup cubed mozzarella

## Directions

**1.** In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and garlic powder. Add the milk; stir until blended.

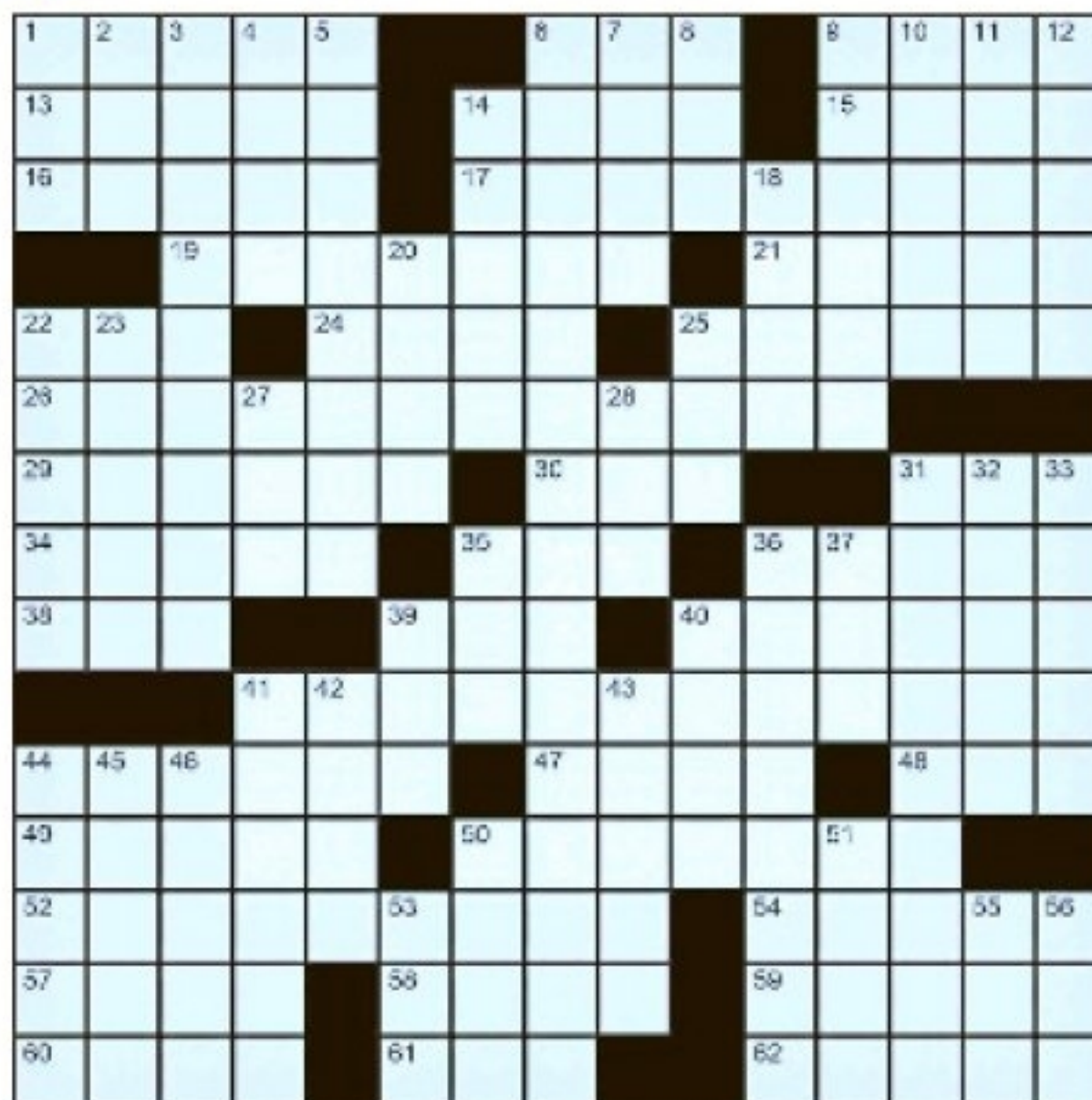
**2.** Heat your waffle iron to desired temperature.

**3.** Ladle the batter into preheated waffle iron and sprinkle with 1/4 cup mozzarella and basil. Cook the waffles until golden and crisp. Serve immediately with an extra sprinkle of mozzarella, Parmesan cheese and a side of marinara sauce for dipping.

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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



## ACROSS

- Cat's soft cries
- Stew tidbit
- Gladiator's 350
- Taj
- Brit singer Mr. Murs
- Ravel's "Ma mere"
- (Mother Goose)
- County in Ireland
- Guess Who song that asks "Can your telescope tell me where the sun's gone?": 2 wds.
- Actor/director Tim
- Give way
- Carpentry tool
- 1979 chart-topping Styx ballad
- Variant-spelled famous Pharaoh
- Fluffy mascots of Canadian toilet paper brand Royale: 2 wds.
- Estimate/envision
- Concealed
- Groovy
- Building blocks
- Over there
- Feudal lord
- Branch
- 4 qts.
- by-the-Sea (Where Clint Eastwood was the Mayor in California)
- Town known as the 'Gingerbread Capital of Ontario' because of its decoratively wood-trimmed Victorian-era houses: 2 wds.
- Shredded: 2 wds.
- "Egad!"
- WKRP employee

- Nautical "Stop!"
- Have confidence in a product: 2 wds.
- Common people: 2 wds.
- "Tee-\_-Un-Bum-Bo"
- (Shopper's self-reminder)
- echo....
- Some woodwinds
- Broadway star Linda
- Marry
- "I need \_ \_ \_ \_"
- (Shopper's self-reminder)

## DOWN

- Norma Jean's initials-sharers
- "Ether" suffix
- Spinning top
- Lake, in Italy
- Shows affection like a puppy
- Movie-themed restaurant chain since 1991
- of which there is one in Niagara Falls: 2 wds.
- Inventor Mr. Whitney's
- Ms. Rand
- Says something is so
- Ice cream holders
- Use a bike

- West Yorkshire city in England
- Antelope with horns that resemble ready-to-attack snakes
- Ms. Cannon
- Make some desserts
- Atrocious
- Whimper
- 2012 Taylor Swift album
- "Tsk!"
- Atomic Number 50
- Farley in the For Better or For Worse comic strip: 2 wds.
- Anoint, archaically
- Bicycle sound-ers!
- Tibetan ox
- Begin to be established: 2 wds.
- \_\_\_ The Prince of Wales
- Econ. measure
- Latin for 'onion'
- Evening star
- Car
- "And on his farm he had a cow, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_"
- Lake \_ (American resort)
- Elliptical
- Lift
- Plum-like fruit
- Peter Sellers comedy, The \_ (1967)
- Volume setting
- Kathie Gifford link
- East: French

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Steer clear of prickly subjects like politics, religion and racial issues today, because this is a poor day for serious discussions. People are critical and confused. Bad combo.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Old flames are back in the picture, which means you want to look good. After all, living well is the best revenge, right?

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
This is a great time to wrap up anything to do with home repairs. It's also a good time for family reunions and trading lies about the bad old days. Enjoy!

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
Tread carefully at work today, because someone could be critical of you. What might be particularly painful is due to some kind of confusion. You are completely innocent.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Children might be an increased burden or responsibility today. Certainly, there is confusion about social situations. Do not jump to any conclusions until you know what's happening.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Things are a bit tough at home today, so let sleeping dogs lie. Don't make an issue about anything. And don't believe everything you hear.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Because this is a confusing day in many ways, be careful. Guard against negative thinking; at the same time, be careful that you are not fooled! (Crazy day.)

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Postpone important financial decisions. Do not make them today. You have no confidence, and the facts are not reliable. You cannot trust anything.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Whatever you do today will be gained by hard work. That's OK; you're not afraid of hard effort. Nevertheless, know that things might not be as they appear.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
Your lack of confidence in your ideas and your purpose make this a poor day to assert yourself in any kind of important discussion. Therefore, hold back and postpone things.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Do not be cowed or discouraged by someone older, who might be critical of you. (This person probably doesn't even really know who you are.)

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Avoid important decisions regarding authority figures (parents, bosses and VIPs), because no one can rely upon the information they have. Today is confusing and things are not as bad as they seem.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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